



Upcoming Events

Chickasaw Art Market

Aug. 8, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Nation Capitol Grounds, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Corn Husk Dolls Class

Aug. 8, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw Council House Museum, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Monotype Printing with Ellen Etzler

Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8042

Stomp Dance

Aug. 15, 8 p.m.-1 a.m.
Kullihoma
(580) 622-7140

Native Film Festival & Workshop

Aug. 15-16, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

Pine Needles Basket Class

Aug. 15, 1-3 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Movie Night at the Museums: Guardians of the Galaxy

Aug. 21, 8 p.m.
Chickasaw National Capitol Grounds, Tishomingo, Okla.
(580) 371-9835

Mahota Studios

Sept. 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-8042

Labor Day Celebration

Sept. 5-6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130

Grandparents Day

Sept. 12-13, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Chickasaw Cultural Center, Sulphur, Okla.
(580) 622-7130



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President visits Indian Country *Obama expresses concern for tribal youth*

Durant, Okla. – Improving the lives of young Native Americans was the theme of President Barack Obama’s July 15 address; and three Chickasaw students had the opportunity to provide their insight to the president on important tribal issues.

Prior to taking the podium to unveil ConnectHome Internet initiative to the nation, President Obama met with 15 Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) youth for about one hour.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby said he was very proud of the Chickasaw youth who made the most of this unique opportunity to share their views with a sitting president.

“It was very gratifying to see the positive impression these amazing young Chickasaws made on the president,” said Gov. Anoatubby.

Chickasaws Nahinli Billy, Purcell; Kelsey Norton, Byars; and Dylan Barnoski, Stonewall; were included in the meeting. All three are members of Chikasha Pehlichik Ikbi and are part of the president’s Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative,

which aims to help improve the lives of Native youth and to cultivate the next generation of Native leaders.

“The meeting was very intimate and personal,” said Miss Norton. “I could really tell President Obama wanted to speak with us and hear our stories, he was interested in hearing about what we were doing and what our tribes were doing.”

President Obama asked the students individually to share their goals and issues they thought were important to their family and tribes.

Ms. Norton, 17, is encouraged by her recent experiences.

“Our voices matter,” she said.

Mr. Billy, 18, said he was honored and humbled to have the opportunity to meet with the president.

“I really appreciate what the president is doing - a lot of things for native people. He and the First Lady have taken the right initiative through the Gen-I and other programs to try to help every youth in the United States have the same opportunity, they don’t want anyone to be left behind.

Mr. Billy said he respected President Obama for providing a platform “where people can come together and meet in a way that is going to better all people of the nation.”

“He took the time to talk to each one of us. He wanted us to share what we thought was important to us and what he should know about each one of our respective tribes. He had tears in his eyes (when hearing some of the stories) you could tell he really cared.”

President Obama asked the students to send an update letter to him in a year.



Governor Bill Anoatubby and President Barack Obama during the President’s visit to the Choctaw Nation

He encouraged the young people to stay strong and stay active in the community and to reach educational goals, and return to contribute to their tribes.

He also encouraged the group to “Move forward, but to keep our roots, our heritage and our language alive,” Miss Norton said.

President Obama publicly thanked the group during his address to the nation.

“I want to thank the extraordinary young people that I just had a chance to meet with. They were just exceptional, and gave me all kinds of interesting thoughts and ideas about how young people can lead and thrive, and reshape America. And I could not be prouder of them.”

Choctaw Chief Gary Batton and the many tribal leaders in attendance, including Governor Bill

Anoatubby, were also acknowledged in Obama’s speech.

The president traveled to Choctaw Country to unveil ConnectHome Internet initiative, which came on the heels of the first-ever White House Tribal Youth Gathering. More than 1,000 students, including Chickasaws, attended.

“Michelle and I believe we’ve got a special obligation to make sure that tribal youth have every opportunity to achieve their potential not just for the benefit of themselves and their communities, but for our entire nation; that all of you young people have a chance to succeed not by leaving your communities, but by coming back and investing in your communities, and that you have a whole range of options that can lift us all up.”

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New Information Center

Ground broken in Tishomingo



Improvements in historic capital city

Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, is joined by Chickasaw Nation elected officials, staff and Johnston County dignitaries to break ground the Chickasaw Nation Information Center in Tishomingo June, 30. Joining Gov. Anoatubby are, from left, Piazza construction officials Anthony, Chip and Joe Piazza, and architect Jay Boynton; Chickasaw Nation Special Events and Outreach Director Sheilla Brashier; Chickasaw Nation Director of Tourism Paige Williams; Special Events and Outreach staffer Ginger Edmondson; Johnston County chamber executive director Seigel Heffington; Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance; Tishomingo City Councilman Don Keel; Chickasaw legislators Nancy Elliott and Scott Wood; Gov. Anoatubby; tribal legislators Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Steve Woods and Mary Jo Green; Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Cheri Bellefeuille-Gordon; Tishomingo interim city manager Diana Pitts; city councilman Rhonda Brown; Tishomingo Mayor Tom Lokey, vice mayor Sue Robins and city councilman Brison McSwain. *Photo by Marcy Gray.*

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - Governor Bill Anoatubby led groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Chickasaw Nation Information Center in the heart of downtown Tishomingo, Tuesday, June 30.

Joined by more than 200 tribal officials, local leaders and citizens, Gov. Anoatubby said the Information Center was designed to shine a light on the many attractions the Tishomingo area has to offer. It is also an opportunity for the Chickasaw Nation to enrich its partnership with the historic city.

“Tishomingo is a special place for Chickasaws,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “This area holds many reminders of our history and tribal identity. We are excited to see the Tishomingo area grow and we look forward to sharing the Chickasaw story with visitors. This new information center will add to the productive partnerships we have with Tishomingo, Johnston County and Murray State College.”

The Information Center will serve as a gateway to the many attractions in this historic sec-

tion of the Chickasaw Nation, including the Chickasaw Capitol Building and Council House Museum, Chickasaw White House, Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge and Blue River.

Located at the intersection of Capitol and Main Street, the 10,700 square-foot Information Center will house the Chickasaw Nation Tourism Department, tribal Office of Special Events, Johnston County Chamber of Commerce and Johnston County Historical Society.

Almost 3,000 square feet of the building will be dedicated to tourism promotion. Kiosks filled with information about the Chickasaw Nation and the Tishomingo area will be featured.

The building will include a conference room, hospitality bar, full kitchen and restroom facilities all designed to accommodate large groups. A separate 2,600 square-foot storage building will also be on the property

The Chickasaw Nation’s connection with the area dates back to Removal. In 1856, Chickasaws

gathered at Pennington Creek to draft a tribal constitution.

The Chickasaw Annual Meeting and Festival is hosted each fall in Tishomingo. The event draws thousands of visitors from across the country.

“Without fail, the community always gives us a warm welcome,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “The Chickasaw Nation is pleased to be a part of these positive developments.”

In addition to the Information Center, the Chickasaw Nation is building several facilities in Tishomingo to improve services to citizens, including a new Senior Center and Head Start.

About Tishomingo
Tishomingo is the historic capital of the Chickasaw Nation and the county seat of Johnston County. Thousands of people from across the U.S. flock to the community to attend the week-long Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

Nestled within Johnston County,

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Governor, Lt. Governor, legislators all win re-election; Weeks wins judicial seat

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced results of the July 28 Chickasaw Nation general election.

Pontotoc District Seat 1 incumbent legislator Toby Perkins, of Ada, received 2,516 votes to defeat challengers Mary Holden-Nordwall, of Ada, who received 627 votes and Oscar W. Gore, of Ada, who received 300 votes.

Pickens District Seat 1 incumbent legislator David Woerz, of Ardmore, received 1,486 votes to defeat challenger Mike Watson, of Ardmore, who received 677 votes.

Supreme Court Seat 2 challenger Linda English Weeks, of Norman, received 5,138 votes to defeat incumbent justice Barbara Anne Smith, of Newcastle, who received 2,356 votes.

Incumbents Governor Bill Anoatubby and Lt. Governor Jefferson Keel, as well as Pontotoc District Seat 2 Legislator Nancy Elliott, Tishomingo District Seat 1 Legislator Scott Wood, and Pickens District Seat 4 Legislator Shana Tate Hammond, all ran unopposed and were elected by one-vote margins.

Elected officials will take the oath of office Wednesday, Oct. 1.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at (580) 310-6475 or 888-661-0137.

Legislature:

Pontotoc District

Seat 1 Toby Perkins, Ada (Incumbent) – 2,516 votes – 73 percent

Seat 1 Mary Holden-Nordwall – 627 votes – 18 percent

Seat 1 Oscar W. Gore – 300 votes – 9 percent

Pickens District

Seat 1 David Woerz, Ardmore (Incumbent) – 1,486 – 69 percent

Seat 1 Mike Watson, Ardmore – 677 votes – 31 percent

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Chikasha Pehlichikbi students at President’s visit



Chickasha Pehlichikbi students and staff who attended President Obama’s visit to the Choctaw Nation July 15 include, back row, from left, Sara Miller, Elijah Factor, Aaron Dockery, Jarrett Ellis, Darion Cook, Nahinli Billy, Dylan Barnoski, Ezra Johnson, Matthew Ayers, Colton Strickland and Courtney Ray. Front row, from left, Cason Keel, Allison Keel, Madison Keel, Lauren John, Ashton Traylor, Britany Lofton, Hailey Ellis, Taylor Taliaferro, Kelsey Norton, Elena Galvan, Takia Johnson, Krysten Wallace and Jason Morgan.

Leadership students



Gov. Bill Anoatubby and Chickasha Pehlichikbi members at President Barack Obama’s address in Durant July 15. From left, Gov. Anoatubby and students Tristin Lackey, Darriion Cook, Taylor Taliaferro and tribal lead youth specialist Sara Miller.

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ConnectHome is a new initiative designed to make high-speed Internet more affordable to residents in low-income housing units across the country.

The pilot program is launching in 27 cities and one tribal nation, the Choctaw Nation. It will initially reach more than 275,000 low-income households, and almost 200,000 children.

Internet Service Providers, non-profit organizations and the private sector will offer broadband access, technical training, digital literacy programs, and devices for residents in assisted housing units.

“Today, we’re going to take another step to close the digital divide in America, and make sure everybody in America has access to high-speed broadband Internet.”

ConnectHome is the next step

in the president’s continued efforts to expand high speed broadband to all Americans and builds upon ConnectED initiative that is on track to connect 99 percent of K-12 students to high-speed Internet in their classrooms and libraries over the next five years.

ConnectHome will help ensure that these students still have access to high-speed Internet once they are home.

The Choctaw Nation is designated as one of America’s first Promise Zones, an area where the federal government is partnering with local communities and businesses for economic development and job creation to expand educational opportunities, increase affordable housing and improve public safety.

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Tishomingo has an endless variety of entertainment options. From downtown boutique and antique shopping to the great outdoors, there is something to suit everyone’s taste.

For more information about

Tishomingo and Chickasaw Country, visit www.chickasawcountry.com.

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Newcastle – 2,356 votes – 31 percent (Incumbent)

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

Ladies: Apply now to compete for Chickasaw royalty

Applications are now available for 2015-2016 Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw.

Chickasaw royalty has the honor to serve as ambassadors of the Chickasaw Nation at various functions and events across the country.

Eligible candidate must be age 17-25 to apply for Chickasaw Princess; age 12-16 for Chickasaw Jr. Princess; and age 7-11 for Little Miss Chickasaw.

Candidates must reside within the 13-county region of the Chickasaw Nation, be at least one-quarter Chickasaw and a registered citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

Chickasaw Jr. Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw candidates must attend school to be eligible

for pageant entry. These candidates must submit their most recent grade reports along with the application. A minimum 2.0 GPA is required and the candidate must be in good standing with the school.

Chickasaw Princess candidates must attend school, be high school graduates, pursue higher education or specialized training, or be employed to be eligible for pageant entry. If a princess candidate is employed, her schedule must be somewhat flexible to accommodate her participation in tribal-related functions and other events.

In addition to the application, candidates must include a copy of their CDIB and citizenship cards, a 5x7 photo (black and white or color) and three references who

are not related to the candidate.

Candidates are also responsible for providing their own traditional dress, which includes a cotton dress and apron.

The Chickasaw Princess Pageant will be 6 p.m., Sept. 28, 2015 at the Ada Cougar Activity Center.

Application deadline is Aug. 28. Applications are available at the Ada Cougar Activity Center.

Application deadline is Aug. 28. Applications are available at www.chickasaw.net/youth and at Chickasaw Nation Youth Services, 231 Seabrook Rd, Ada, Okla.

For more information, contact Mary Hartley, Chickasaw Princess Pageant coordinator, at (580) 310-9539 or (580) 272-7710.

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Ground broken for bridge connecting Cultural Center, Chickasaw National Recreation Area

SULPHUR, Okla. - Along the picturesque banks of Rock Creek in the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, Governor Bill Anoatubby led groundbreaking ceremonies to mark the beginning of construction of a bridge to unite the Chickasaw Cultural Center and the Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Joined July 27 by several tribal elected officials, park rangers, and a host of local leaders and community members, Gov. Anoatubby described the project as an emblem of the long-standing partnership among the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the city of Sulphur.

“The Chickasaw Nation Recreation Area is a testament to the partnership that developed between the Chickasaw Nation and the National Park Service more than a century ago,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “It is a partnership that I’m proud to say still exists today. This bridge is a symbol of that partnership. Ultimately, having this partnership and this connection between Chickasaw National Recreation Area and the Chickasaw Cultural Center is beneficial for all involved.”

The bridge will be built of steel and concrete. The 195-foot sus-



Rendering of the bridge that will connect the Chickasaw Cultural Center with the Chickasaw National Recreation Area in Sulphur, Okla.

pension pedestrian bridge will span Rock Creek and provide visitors easy access between the two attractions.

Access points will be located at Cat’s Eye Road near Veterans Lake in the park and near the Traditional Village at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

More recreation options for visitors, Gov. Anoatubby said, could help boost the local tourism industry.

“Among other things, we believe this partnership will improve Sulphur’s visibility as a tourist destination,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “We hope this easy access will increase the number of people visiting both destinations

and raise public awareness of the sites in general. And that means local businesses will be seeing more guests, who are choosing to stay longer periods of time in the area.”

The suspension bridge is designed to exist in harmony with the natural environment.

Construction will be a joint effort between the Chickasaw Nation and the National Park Service. The project is expected to be complete in early 2016.

Since opening in 2010, over 350,000 visitors have experienced the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

For more information about the Chickasaw Cultural Center, visit chickasawculturalcenter.com.

Sign up now for Festival golf scramble

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting & Festival Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, Sept. 26 in Tishomingo.

The tournament will be played at the Tishomingo Golf Course, 3600

W. Golf Course Road. Check in will be 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., the morning of the tournament.

The format for this year’s tournament is a five-person scramble. Golfers must be at least 18 years old

to register.

Cost is \$60 per person and includes green fees, cart, meal, gift and chance for great prizes.

Please RSVP to hillery.perry@chickasaw.net or call (580) 272-5722.

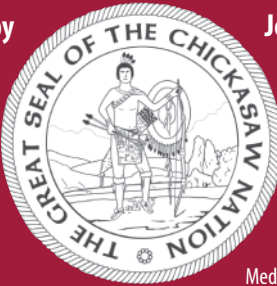
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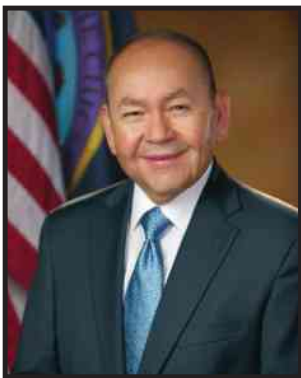
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Deadline for submission is the 15th of each month prior to publication. Submissions can be mailed, faxed, hand-delivered or e-mailed.

Tishomingo center part of expanding tourism initiative



GOV. BILL
ANOATUBBY

Governor,
the Chickasaw
Nation

The Chickasaw Nation has become a true tourism destination!

We have been working on a number of projects that promote tourism to our area for a number of years now. Most of us know about the remarkable natural beauty of the Chickasaw Nation, and now we have developed venues and attractions that are drawing visitors to experience the many unique things we have to offer.

To provide some framework, let's go back over 100 years in the Chickasaw Nation. The year is 1902. It is a time of serious and often unwelcome change in the Chickasaw Nation. Allotment was on the horizon, and our traditional way of life would soon be altered forever. It was a challenging time for Chickasaws and the Chickasaw Nation.

However, the Chickasaws who preceded us forged an agreement with the federal government to preserve the area now known as the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, in

the heart of the Chickasaw Nation. Chickasaws wanted the land and the freshwater and mineral springs of the area protected. So, the tribe sold 640 acres to the federal government with the promise the area would become a national park.

In 1906, Platt National Park was created from this important property. In 1976, it was expanded and renamed Chickasaw National Recreation Area.

Our ancestors were definitely on the right track! The park has been expanded and its natural beauty preserved. It was and is one of the most unique and beautiful areas in the region. Hundreds of thousands of visitors annually enjoy the park's gently flowing waters, its Travertine District and its gently rolling woodlands.

Today, we have developed new facilities attractions in that area so carefully preserved by the Chickasaw Nation in 1902.

There is the Artesian Hotel, located near the park entrance in Sulphur. Chickasaw Nation guests can enjoy the many amenities of the Artesian as well as the natural beauty of the park and surrounding area.

The Artesian is an elegant, 81-room hotel whose architecture honors the style of the original Artesian. Dining, entertainment, lodging – even a bit of luxury – await our Artesian guests. Our hotel is a wonderful way to welcome visitors to the Chickasaw Nation!

And we have surrounded the area with attractions and destination points sure to please any visitor.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors and continues to be discovered by Americans and world visitors. At the Chickasaw Nation Visitor

Center, directly adjacent to the park entrance, visitors can rest and enjoy the shop inside the center and, most importantly, can access plenty of information about the Chickasaw Nation.

Travel the five miles west to Interstate 35 and visitors will enjoy our unique Chickasaw Nation Welcome Center, and the Bedre Chocolates manufacturing facility and retail store. The Welcome Center is the nicest stopping point along I-35.

Now, our tourism initiative has expanded to historic Tishomingo and Johnston County.

We are all familiar with our Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival celebrated annually in Tishomingo. We all enjoy gathering once a year to reconnect and celebrate our history.

We are now gently opening the area to our friends and neighbors who appreciate the history and beauty of Blue River, the Tishomingo Wildlife Refuge and the Chickasaw Nation. We have recently broken ground on a new information center in Tishomingo. This center is a foundation on which we will continue to grow our tourism outreach. Tishomingo and Johnston County have so much to offer!

We have invested in all these projects because they make good economic and strategic sense. We have wonderful attractions already in place. Our desire is to build on those foundations and provide our guests with a real and satisfying set of great experiences.

Tourism is an important and growing industry in the Chickasaw Nation. Sharing the beauty and many great experiences in our area allows us to expand our economic base, create jobs and build new partnerships.

Today is a great time to visit the Chickasaw Nation!

To share offices at Sulphur Visitor Center

Tribe, Park Service affirm long relationship

SULPHUR, Okla. – A long-term partnership between the Chickasaw Nation and the U.S. National Park Service was reaffirmed July 9 when the entities announced they will share office space in the Chickasaw Visitor Center.

The agreement culminated five years of negotiation between the tribe and the Park Service. It was celebrated with a formal ceremony between tribal officials and Park Service officers who manage the Chickasaw National Recreation Area directly south of the center. The Chickasaw Visitor Center was dedicated in 2014.

Keys to the center were formally exchanged “as a symbol of the relationship we have with the National Park Service,” Governor Bill Anoatubby said. “We officially welcome you to your new office. It really is a privilege to have this working relationship and we thank you for the work you have done and the work you will do.”

Chickasaw National Recreation Area Superintendent Bill Wright, a Chickasaw who began his Park Service career in Sulphur 30 years ago, called the partnership “a great opportunity for the National Park Service. We are extremely excited about this partnership and the future.

Mr. Wright was named Chickasaw National Recreation Area superintendent in January.

“From day one when I arrived, we’ve been working toward this,” he said. “Seeing it come to fruition is very exciting.”

FROM 1902 AND BEYOND

The property now known as the Chickasaw National Recreation Area originally belonged to the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations following removal to Indian Territory in the 1830s.

The tribes recognized the area's unique blend of natural springs, fresh water resources, mountains, wildlife and natural water falls should be protected. Recognizing that Oklahoma statehood was on the horizon, tribal leaders transferred ownership of the land to the federal government in 1902 with the understanding it would be protected for future generations. It was called Sulphur Springs Reservation.

In 1906, Congress designated the area as Platt National Park in honor of Connecticut lawmaker Orville Platt, who sponsored legislation to protect the area. At the time, it was the nation's seventh national park. It is the only national park to be established at the



Governor Bill Anoatubby, center, and Chickasaw National Recreation Area Superintendent Bill Wright seal the deal to share office space at the Chickasaw Visitor Center in Sulphur, Okla. On hand for the historic agreement are, from left, Chickasaw Nation Under Secretary of Community Services Tom John; Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Culture and Humanities Lisa John; National Park Service officials Jack Attig and Ron Parker, and Chickasaw Nation Secretary of Commerce Bill Lance.

request of a Native American tribe.

Lake of the Arbuckles, considered one of the most pristine bodies of water in Oklahoma, was later added to the park.

In 1976, Congress renamed it

the Chickasaw National Recreation Area. In 2011, the U.S. Mint issued a coin featuring the park's Lincoln Bridge, a limestone structure built in 1909 that is still in use.

Bison, white-tailed deer, bobcat

and other wildlife may be observed, photographed and enjoyed by thousands of tourists who visit the park annually.

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Child support awareness event

‘I Love My Child’ Aug. 22 at Wintersmith

ADA, Okla. - “I Love My Child,” is the theme for this year's seventh annual Family Fun Day.

The fun event, sponsored by Chickasaw Nation Support Services, is set for 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Aug. 22, at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

Free rides, games, fun and food will be part of the event.

“I Love My Child” commemorates Child Support Awareness Month. This national recognition each August focuses on the importance of providing financial support to children.

This awareness month celebrates child support professionals and parents who are committed to children whose lives are impacted by parental separations.



Kelly Short and Malisa Francis of the tribal dental program help a little girl during last year's child support awareness event at Wintersmith Park in Ada.

cessful in collecting and distributing child support payments in Oklahoma. The department also helps families with its “Family Connections” program. This program facilitates assistance by connecting program participants to other programs and services as needed. The focus of “Family Connections” is to keep the family connected even if family members are living separately.

In its preliminary data announcement to Congress, the U.S. Department of Health & Human

Services reported more than 15 million child support cases nationwide in 2014. Over the past five years, that caseload has decreased slightly nationwide. However, Oklahoma has shown an increase of nearly six percent.

Chickasaw Nation Child Support Services also provides assistance to Native Americans living in other states.

For child support assistance or more information about available services, call (866) 431-3419 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Mr. Eagle's Nest

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sweet treats from the garden, farmer's
market or local grocery store.

My friend, Miss Rabbit, enjoys peaches,
cantaloupe and yummy watermelon.

By the way, do you know what
fruit gives people a warm
and fuzzy feeling all over?

Here's a hint. In Chickasaw
you say *takolo finha*’.

It's a _ _ _ _ _.

We want to hear what's happening in your nest!
Visit www.eagleadventure.com or call 580-272-5596 to share what
fruit or vegetable snacks you enjoy or tell us your favorite recipe!

Miss Oklahoma visits Chickasaw Nation



Miss Oklahoma, Georgia Frazier, continued to share her platform “Warriors for Women,” July 20 at the Chickasaw Community Center. Her platform educates and empowers young women in their battles for good health. She will run for Miss America in September.

Georgia Frazier shares ‘Warriors for Women’ message

ADA, Okla. - Dozens of Chickasaw Nation employees attended a July 20 reception for Miss Oklahoma Georgia Frazier. During the reception at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, Ms. Frazier offered thanks to Governor Bill Anoatubby and others in attendance for their support of the Miss Ada Scholarship Pageant.

Governor Anoatubby, along with Oklahoma State Senator Susan Paddack, State Representative Todd Thomsen, and East Central University President John Hargrove, all of Ada, offered their congratulations to Ms. Frazier and expressed best wishes for her success at the 2015 Miss America Pageant in September.

Ms. Frazier, competing as Miss Ada, was crowned Miss Oklahoma June 6 at Oral Roberts University’s Mabee Center in Tulsa. She said she has a special connection to Ada and was proud to represent the city.

A May, 2014 graduate of Oral Roberts University with a bachelor’s degree in communication and a minor in humanities, she gave credit to the Miss Ada and Miss Oklahoma Scholarship Pageants for funding her college education and allowing her to graduate debt free.

Ms. Frazier’s platform as reigning Miss Oklahoma and Miss America 2015 contestant is “Warriors for Women.” Diagnosed with early stage cervical cancer in 2012, Miss Frazier founded “War-

riors for Women” with the goal of educating women about the importance of preventive health measures.

“I never intended to be a cancer survivor because, like most people, I never anticipated being diagnosed with cancer,” she writes on her website. “At the beginning of my sophomore year, I was expecting the typical college year. Suddenly, my world was shattered and the nightmare began with the diagnosis of the early stages of cervical cancer. The weeks and months that followed were the most frightening months of my life. After numerous surgical procedures, I was told that if my cancer had not been detected during a scan of my gall bladder, I would not have lived to see my twenty-first birthday.”

Miss Frazier has spoken to more than 12,000 young ladies about the importance of annual exams and other preventive health measures. She also uses her #StartTalking campaign on social media and blog posts to reach even more young women with her message about preventive health.

After the reception, Miss Frazier posed for photos with reception attendees to raise funds for “Warriors for Women.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Bethany Gill, Media Relations.

Leadership Chickasha visits Cultural Center



Leadership Chickasha, from Chickasha, Okla., visited the Chickasaw Cultural Center May 11. Leadership Chickasha is a community leadership program. The community is located in the far western portion of the Chickasaw Nation. Leadership Chickasha members are, from left, Ted Bingham, Johnny Trammell, DeAnn Mittelstaedt, Mark Rathe, Wayne Coffee, Judy Gray, Clark Southard, Charlotte Perry, Catelynn Perry, Lisa Thiessen, Paul Lewis, Monica Neal, Ronnie Bogle (Chickasaw citizen), Shawn Freie, Kimberly Loggins, Michael Nuñez, Jasmine Nuñez, Roland Nuñez and Yolibeth Nuñez.

CNASA students hear words of encouragement NASA scientist ‘just a small town Oklahoma kid who made good’

ADA, Okla. - It’s a long way from rural Oklahoma to the planets, but one NASA scientist has made the trip and has inspired students to do the same.

Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) students had a once in a lifetime experience with Andrew Mattioda, NASA space and planetary scientist.

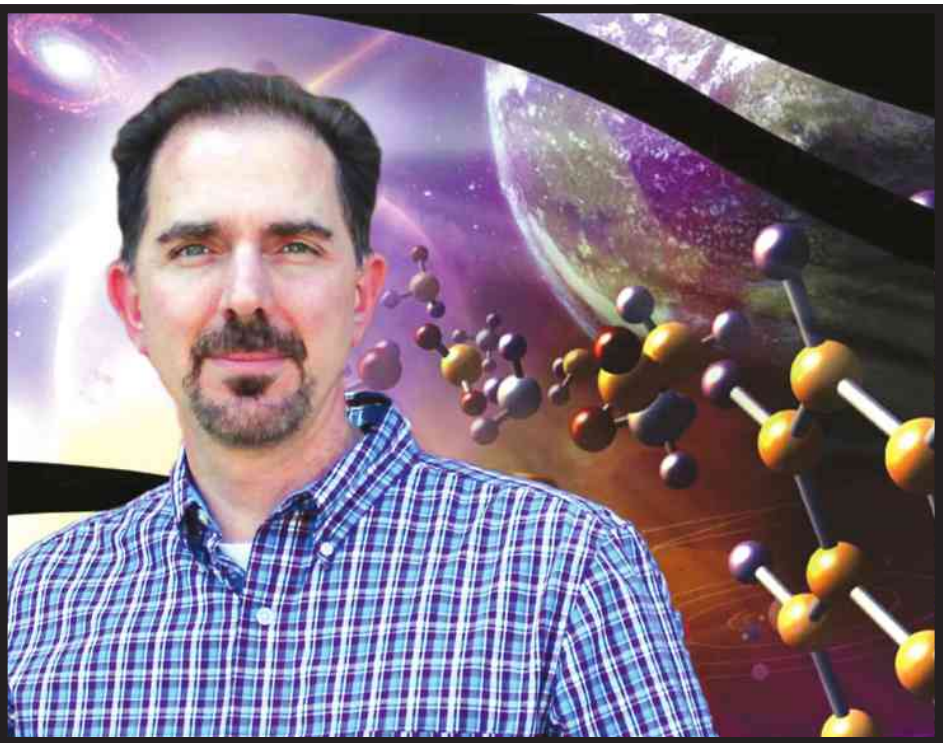
Dr. Mattioda grew up in Hartshorne, Okla., a very small community east of McAlester. When he was in junior high, he decided he wanted to work as a NASA staff scientist.

After high school, he earned an associates degree in science from Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton. He then attended East Central University, in Ada, where he majored in chemistry and mathematics. H earned his doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of Oklahoma.

“The inspiration of my curiosity and interest in exploring had a lot to do with my career decision,” Dr. Mattioda said. “I was always exploring in the woods. I think kids who grow up in a rural town have the best untapped potential in science, engineering and mathematics. I think the interest to explore is a natural offshoot of science.”

He began his working career as an environmental scientist with Army Corps of Engineers. He later was a professor at Rogers State University in Tulsa. In early 2000, Dr. Mattioda had an opportunity to intern with NASA at the Space Science and Astrobiology at Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, California. Following his internship, he was offered a job as a space and planetary scientist.

“You have to keep trying,” he said. “Just because you fail the first time, doesn’t mean you need to give up. If you really want to do



ANDREW MATTIODA

it, you have to keep trying.”

The CNASA camp, Dr. Mattioda said, is important for Indian youth. The academy provides an educational opportunity for STEM-related experiences. STEM is the acronym for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

“It amazed me that the kids were going to be interested in the information I am presenting,” he said. “I thought they were going to be bored learning about molecules.”

During his visit, he displayed an infrared camera, borrowed from the Stratospheric Observatory of Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA). SOFIA is a 747 aircraft that has been modified to accommodate a three-meter telescope. With this equipment visible light at different wavelengths can be viewed.

CNASA students were excited that a NASA space and planetary scientist’s sole purpose in coming to Ada was to visit CNASA.

Educational outlets like CNASA, Dr. Mattioda said, provide him an opportunity to give back by hopefully inspiring young minds and sharing knowledge to rural students.

Dr. Mattioda’s advice to those wanting to pursue a career in any STEM field was to engage in an internship and get all the experience and education possible in the STEM field.

CNASA

The Chickasaw Nation Science, Technology and Math (STM) Academy is home to many programs devoted to teach Native American Youth of all ages through play, while directing them in science fields. The STM Academy offers a place for students to learn from dedicated to teachers, professional volunteer mentors and Native American peers near their own age.

Students from across the U.S. attended the two summer camps offered by the Science, Technology and Mathematics program, Chickasaw Nation Aviation and Space Academy (CNASA) and Space Camps. States represented in these camps were Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Virginia, California, Idaho, Georgia, North Carolina and Illinois.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.

Chickasaw elder Myrtle Cooper turns 100 ‘Live as close to the Lord as you can’

Chickasaw elder Myrtle Abbott Cooper recently celebrated 100 years of a life dedicated to faith, family and friends.

Mrs. Cooper, a petite person who focuses on the positive, was born to a Chickasaw mother and an Irish father on March 30, 1915, the same year Alexander Graham Bell made the first transcontinental telephone call. World War I was escalating in Europe and Oklahoma was eight years old.

Mrs. Cooper’s blue eyes have witnessed many changes, but a few things remain constant. Ada, Oklahoma has always been her home and family has always been the center of her life.

Born “in the middle” of 12 brothers and sisters to early Pontotoc County settlers Jordan and Zona Abbott, Mrs. Cooper grew up on the family’s homestead in an area known as Pecan Grove, just south of Ada.

“My father rode a donkey to Tishomingo to get the papers for the land,” Mrs. Cooper recalled.

Her father owned the first grist mill in a five-state region. He had a store and ran the post office in Pecan Grove in 1909 and 1910. Mrs. Cooper’s childhood memories are full of busy days tending chickens, goats and cows and helping her mother cook meals to feed farmworkers and families in need of a helping hand.

“They were known for their generosity,” Mrs. Cooper said.

Her Chickasaw mother, Zona, passed on those cooking skills to both Myrtle and her younger sisters.

“I remember mom making biscuits, every day,” she said.



Myrtle Cooper

“She would make them with her hands, squeeze the dough and fill a large pan.”

These skills, a few Chickasaw words and artistic ability are among the vivid memories of her mother.

“Momma was always so proud of her Chickasaw heritage,” Carolyn Aday, Mrs. Cooper’s 87-year-old sister, said.

Both energetic ladies took up their mother’s hobby of painting, and many of Mrs. Cooper’s paintings grace her living room.

School Days and True Love

Mrs. Cooper attended a two-room school at Pecan Grove through eighth grade. She then moved on to Latta to finish her education.

She later met her husband, Elmer Cooper, on a blind date set up by her brother. The couple courted, going on dates to the McSwain and other movie theatres in Ada.

“He had a Model A with velvet seats,” she chuckled.

They married when Mr. Cooper returned from serving in World War II.

Mrs. Cooper spun the culinary skills her mother taught her into a job when she worked at Johnson Bakery in Ada. Her first job, she said, was at Brockway Glass Company on an assembly line.

The Coopers did not have children of their own, but she was “second mother” to several nieces and nephews, including Carolyn’s daughter Linn Chaffin, who moved back to the area a few years ago to be with her mother and aunt.

Mr. Cooper died several years ago. He was a diesel engine mechanic in Ada for many years.

When asked the secret to her longevity, Mrs. Cooper said, “Clean living and living as close to the Lord as you can.”

Hitting the Century Mark

Mrs. Cooper was honored with a birthday party at Union Valley Baptist Church. About 80 of her relatives and friends attended to wish her a happy birthday.

She attends services at Union Valley Baptist Church regularly, keeps a standing hair appointment and enjoys her Boston terrier “Rocky.”

Mrs. Cooper said she was thankful to the Chickasaw Nation for the services available for her to continue to live a full, active life.

“We have a better life because of the Chickasaws,” she said. “Just look at what they’ve become here in Ada!”

CONTRIBUTED BY Dana Lance, Media Relations.

Chickasaw master artist

Mike Larsen to be inducted into Oklahoma Hall of Fame

TULSA, Okla. – Nationally renowned Chickasaw artist, sculptor and author Mike Larsen is among eight Oklahomans who will be formally inducted into the 88th class of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame Nov. 19 in Tulsa.

Governor Bill Anoatubby said Mr. Larsen was very deserving of the honor.

“Mike Larsen has brought great honor to the state of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw Nation by capturing the true essence of his subjects,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “His paintings help tell the story of Oklahoma by bringing the personality and character of Oklahomans to life.”

The newest members will join 669 individuals inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame since 1928. It is the highest honor an Oklahoman can receive from the state.

“Each year we are proud to honor Oklahomans who have contributed to our state’s rich heritage by making strides in their industry and bettering mankind,” Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum president Shannon L. Rich said. “These individuals are a true representation of the continued growth and improvement in our great state.”

The 2015 Oklahoma Hall of Fame inductees are Mr. Larsen, of Perkins; Kevin Durant, Oklahoma City; Jim Halsey, Tulsa; Bill Hancock, Hobart; William Ross, Oklahoma City; Sharen Jester Turney, Ardmore; Steadman Upham, Tulsa; and Francis Theodore Tuttle, Wellston, who will be inducted posthumously.

Oklahoma Hall of Fame induction, Mr. Rich said, was the single-highest honor an individual can receive from our state.

“The recognition of our state’s greatest asset - our people - is the foundation upon which our organization was created. Our mission is to instill state pride by preserving and telling the stories of these extraordinary people.”

The November banquet will be at the Renaissance Tulsa Hotel and Convention Center.

MEET MIKE LARSEN

Mr. Larsen immerses himself in the past events of the subjects he paints and sculpts. He knew early what he wanted to do with his life and has achieved that goal by being a professional fine artist for more than 40 years.

Mr. Larsen studied traditional art disciplines, beginning his training at Amarillo Junior

College, continuing at the University of Houston and concluding at the prestigious Arts Student League in New York.

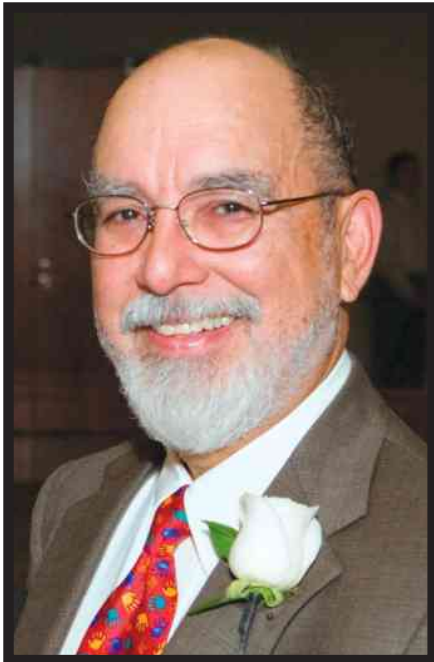
Born in 1944, Mr. Larsen grew up in farming communities in Oklahoma and Texas. He started his career doing street fairs, rapidly progressing to nationally-known festivals. That phase ended in the early 1990s and for more than 20 years he has been represented by galleries throughout the U.S. He now spends most of his time creating paintings and sculptures commissioned by governments, corporations and individuals.

Mr. Larsen’s was commissioned by the state of Oklahoma to paint a 26-foot long mural featuring five internationally prominent ballet performers for the State Capitol Rotunda.

He has been honored to paint several series of murals for institutions throughout the state, each of which portray the history of Oklahoma. He was chosen by the United States Postal Service to create the Oklahoma Centennial Stamp.

CHICKASAW IDENTITY

Mr. Larsen has authored two books published by the Chickasaw Press concerning



MIKE LARSEN

the importance of Chickasaw elders to the tribe. The books, “They Know Who They Are” and “Proud to be Chickasaw” weaves brief stories about the lives of the elders and includes a Larsen portrait of each elder.

The original portraits are proudly displayed at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla.

Mr. Larsen reached into his soul –and family tree– to finish the brilliant sculpture “The

Arrival,” which is prominently displayed on the Cultural Center campus.

The work depicts Chickasaws arriving in Indian Territory after being removed from the Mississippi ancestral homeland in 1837. It is a heart-wrenching, yet optimistic, piece of art. From the very young to the elders of the family, some are looking forward, some are looking back.

In 2006, he was named “Oklahoman of the Year” for his contribution to Native American art and the vastness of his accomplishments with brush, copper wire and the printed word.

Mr. Larsen’s talents have won numerous awards, including Best of Show from the American Indian and Cowboy Artists Association in 1994; master artist by the Five Civilized Tribes Museum in Muskogee, Okla., in 1996; Spirit of Oklahoma Award at the 1997 Masters Show at the Five Civilized Tribes Museum; and 2006 Red Earth Honored One at the Red Earth Festival.

He was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2000.

CONTRIBUTED BY Gene Lehmann, Media Relations.

Premier Indian health care facility in U.S. offers top staff, technology to serve growing patient base

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center marks five years

ADA, Okla. – Five years ago July 19, 2010, Governor Bill Anoatubby and a gathering of approximately 1,000 dedicated the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

“Opening of this facility marked a major milestone in our ability to deliver high quality health care efficiently and effectively,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “In the five years since it opened, we have continued to improve access to health care services by opening clinics in Tishomingo and Ardmore. We are also building a new wellness center in Purcell. All these new facilities are designed to help improve the health of the people we serve.

“While we have long placed a high priority on wellness, we plan to focus even more of our efforts on wellness, healthy lifestyles and preventive health care. We believe preventive health care is the cornerstone of health improvement.”

Consistent growth in the number of patient visits led to the need for the new medical center. Carl Albert Indian Health Facility, dedicated in 1980, was designed and built to accommodate 20,500 patient visits per year. By 2005, the facility was serving more than 10 times that number each year.

In August 2005, Gov. Anoatubby commissioned a master plan exercise to analyze the best alternative to remodel or replace Carl Albert. A study demonstrated that costs associated with building a new facility were almost identical with costs of enlarging and upgrading Carl Albert.

The advantages to building a new facility included uninterrupted patient care at Carl Albert during construction, and shorter completion time. New construction also provided the opportunity to seamlessly incorporate the most up-to-date technology. This not only resulted in a medical center with greater potential for improved patient care, but also long-term savings in maintenance, utility and operation costs

In January 2006, the Chickasaw Nation committed an unprecedented \$135 million in tribal funds to completely design, construct and equip a new state-of-the-art facility. Built under the Indian Health Service Joint Venture Construction Program, the 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation Medical Center opened in August 2010 at a total cost of \$150 million.

“We are extremely pleased to be the first hospital replacement facility to receive the Joint Venture Funding Construction Award,” Gov. Anoatubby said in 2010. “This program will provide millions of additional funds



Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla.

each year for staffing and operation costs for the next 20 years. This will be of great benefit to the Chickasaw Nation, but more importantly, our patients will reap tremendous rewards from our investment in this facility.”

Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, director of the U.S. Indian Health Service, echoed Gov. Anoatubby’s remarks.

“Altogether, this joint venture between the IHS and the Chickasaw Nation is a model – it is the model of how to build a beautiful hospital, Medical Center, how tribes can leverage their resources for much needed facilities to provide and maintain the health of the citizens, she said.

“I am so pleased we have this beautiful new Medical Center that’s a testament to the success and forward thinking and test planning of the Chickasaw Nation.”

She described the new Medical Center as an “incredibly important milestone in the Chickasaw and Indian Health Service history.”

OUTGROWING THE PAST

Under the leadership of Gov. Anoatubby, the Chickasaw Nation assumed responsibility for its own health care in 1994. That decision was a giant step forward in tribal self-governance efforts. By establishing the compact with the Indian Health Service, the tribe laid the groundwork for improving the quality of health care services and the health of Native Americans they served.

“As we began operating our health care services, we were better able to understand the needs of those we serve,” Gov.

Anoatubby said. “As part of our expanded services, we opened a diabetes care center that offered a full spectrum of services with the goal of helping our diabetes patients preserve their overall health and maintain the highest quality of life.

“That approach has served as a pattern for all our preventive health care efforts. We believe it is essential to encourage our citizens to do everything possible to prevent disease. Our goal is to offer the education, facilities and services that are needed to help our citizens lead a healthy lifestyle and prevent a wide range of debilitating health problems.”

HEALTH CARE FOR THE FUTURE

The 370,000 square-foot Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is nearly triple the size of Carl Albert. Features include a 72-bed hospital, level 3 emergency department, ambulatory care facility, diabetes care center, dental clinic, diagnostic imaging center, women’s health center, administrative offices and tribal health programs.

“This facility will enable us to better meet the needs of Chickasaws and other Native Americans,” Gov. Anoatubby said in 2010. “When we ask Chickasaws about their priorities, health care is at the top of the list. This medical center is designed and equipped to empower our staff to offer the highest level of health care.”

When the ribbon was cut opening the center five years ago, it came with medical equipment new to Native American health care.

Unique to the new medical center was the region’s only 256-slice CT scan, which offers health care providers a noninvasive method to detect heart blockage at an early stage. The imaging department also provides mammography, ultrasound, bone scan, CT scan and MRI services.

“Much of that imaging technology will help in our efforts to prevent illness or detect health issues at an early stage,” Gov. Anoatubby said. “Early detection is part of our overall efforts to focus on sustaining health through diet, exercise, smoking cessation and other healthy lifestyle choices.”

HOW WE GROW

Since the doors opened July 31, 2010, the number of patient visits served by the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health has grown to more than 600,000 annually.

More than 1.3 million prescription medicines are now dispensed annually.

The Nation has constructed Chikasha House on the Medical Center campus, a living facility to help families stay together while loved ones face prolonged stays. Chikasha House offers living areas, bedrooms, kitchens and even an outdoor space for children to soak up the sun and play.

Soon, the Chickasaw Nation will begin constructing a Veterans Lodge on campus. The lodge is a way to honor Chickasaw military members – retired and active duty – while providing a spacious facility for veterans to meet and relax. It will be near the medical center as a convenience to veterans and family members who may have medical stays or ap-

pointments scheduled. The tribe is expanding benefits to veterans and creating a Chickasaw Warrior Society comprised of military veterans and active duty personnel with Chickasaw heritage.

The Chickasaw Nation was recently honored by the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center as a “Distinguished Oklahoma Institution” for providing quality medical care to Native Americans and Oklahomans. The award cites the tribe “for outstanding support and assistance in advancing biomedical research that addresses major disease, particularly diabetes and cancer, and for promoting efforts to reduce health disparities among Native Americans and for being a catalyst for medical excellence and high-quality health care for all Oklahomans regardless of means.”

A great respect and appreciation for nature and Chickasaw culture is evident throughout the picturesque 230-acre campus, designed for tranquility and healing, according to Dr. Judy Goforth Parker, Secretary of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Health.

In 2010, she said, “If you think about our culture – we talk about our culture, how it’s important from our very young to our elderly. What we have right now is a place to take care of people across the life span. I had the opportunity in June 1980 to go to the opening of Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. Now – to think – it’s 30 years later. We’re doing it again. It’s a better facility.”

CONTRIBUTED BY Tony Choate, Media Relations.

Successful business operations key to expansion of tribal services

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, how are you? We often hear the Mission of the Chickasaw Nation quoted: "To enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people".

The continued success of our businesses, even in a poor economy, allows the Chickasaw Nation to provide new and meaningful services to our people. Every time we turn ground to build, I think of the jobs being provided. We have provided close to 13,000 jobs around the United States, not just for Chickasaws! That is an amazing statistic for a tribe our size.



NANCY ELLIOTT Secretary Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Because of dedicated leaders who have managed our businesses and investments well, we can provide services and programs for our people across the country. As we review the proposed budget for fiscal year 2016, we know our Mission is being carried out. Each year, we are able to provide more services to our citizens at large, especially for our treasured elders.

Programs include Assisted Living Benefit Program, Burial Supplemental Assistance, Elder Veteran Jacket, Chickasaw Elders' Veteran Trip to Washington, D.C., "Elders Voice" Bi-Monthly Newsletter, Over-the-Counter Medications, and Resource Assistance. For more information about these programs, contact the Division on Aging at (580) 795-9790 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

There are also Tribal Health Programs available to our citizens at large, including the Health Spending Account, for those 65 or older, and the Mail Order Pharmacy, which may save hundreds of dollars per year for our people. Benefits may be available for non-Native spouses and dependents, at a reduced cost. The Eyeglasses Program is also available to all Chickasaws, regardless of where you live. Our own Oklahoma Optical can provide glasses or contact lenses with your prescription, which you obtain from your optometrist. For more information about health programs, you can call 1-800-466-1481.

All of the programs have been created to meet the needs and enhance the overall quality of life of the Chickasaw people. With each year's budget, we are able to do more, but we have to be wise and make sure our programs are sustainable. That is how we will be able to continue the great success our tribe is experiencing. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you as your legislator. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

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Arts Academy student chosen for Playground Ensemble project

Chokma! Our employees and students have been very busy this summer with the various summer camps the tribe offers. We have such a great array of activities for our youth including sports, the fine arts, law enforcement, space camp and much more! I would like to highlight one of our Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy (CSAA) students, Savannah Irwin. Savannah has attended the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy for four years. She is from Tulsa and attends Booker T. Washington High School where she will be a junior.



SHANA HAMMOND Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Recently, The Playground Ensemble in Denver, Colorado contacted Chickasaw classical composer Jerod Tate regarding a project to commission four professional composers and pair them with four students to write a total of eight pieces to be played by a quartet from The Playground Ensemble. The intention was to choose composers from various ethnic backgrounds to compose the music. Jerod chose Savannah Irwin, a former student of his, as his student counterpart.



On July 18, Savannah, her parents and several CSAA students gathered in the Black Box Theater in Ada to watch the premier via live stream from Denver, of the quartet performing the music Savannah and Jerod composed. I am very proud to have been a part of this and I'm extremely proud of the opportunities our many camps provide to our youth.

To watch Savanna's and Jerod's performances go to <http://www.youtube.com/user/PlaygroundEnsemble>. Click on "Playlists" and then click on "Biennial of the Americas 2015."

They are planted in the house of the Lord; they flourish in the courts of our God.
~Psalm 92:13

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Hall of Fame, Inter-Tribal Council are highlights of a busy month

Chokma and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. July is always a busy month with the annual elections. This July we also had the usual community council meetings, an Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes meeting in Shawnee with the Creek Nation hosting and the Hall of Fame Banquet which was postponed to July 21 due to weather issues. A large crowd attended the ground breaking for the Tishomingo Information Center.



MARY JO GREEN Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

There were lots of good ideas expressed at the Five Tribes work shops and business meeting. Key people from the many departments of tribal government exchanged good ideas in the work shops on Thursday and the Chiefs and Governor reported on those ideas in the business meeting on Friday.

Congratulations to the incumbents who did not draw opponents for their elections. Nancy Elliott in Pontotoc District, Shana Tate Hammond in Pickens District and Dr. Scott Wood in Tishomingo District were declared winners by one vote each due to not drawing opponents.

The Ada seniors welcomes many new attendees to the Ada nutrition site. Chickasaw language classes are held every Wednesday, line dancing is enjoyed by many and games and Bingo are played twice a week. There is a schedule of daily events as well as informed speakers.

We are pleased to announce that the Summer Food Program has expanded to 16 daily feeding sites. We are doing our part in feeding hungry children five days a week! Each site varies in types of meals provided and service times. The list of feeding sites includes the Chickasaw youth clubs, Tishomingo and Sulphur, Glenwood Park in Ada, SW Church of Christ, Ada, Glenwood Resource Center in Ada, Tommy's Place in Purcell, Ardmore water park, Ardmore Whittington Park, Byars public school, Purcell public school and Lexington water park. Other sites are the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, and Nutrition Services buildings in Ada, Purcell and Ardmore. For more information, please contact Nutrition Services at (580) 436-2603.

Chi ihullo li! I would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me by telephone, email or letter. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you. Chipisala'cho!

Service to our youth is an important investment in our tribal future

Chokma! Greetings from the Tishomingo District! August has arrived and so has a new school year for many of our Chickasaw students.

Many of our students spent the summer busy learning at one of the many camps, academies or clinics offered by the Chickasaw Nation and are now preparing to embark on a new academic year.

Some of our youngest citizens will be learning and growing at the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center. More than 200 children from the age of six weeks to four years attended the Ada center last year, and we are looking forward to extending this option to our citizens in the southern region when the Ardmore facility opens.

These centers offer a learning environment where our youngest citizens learn the Chickasaw language as well as other important life skills.

Some of our older children will return to class at a Chickasaw Nation Head Start, a federal and tribally-funded program which promotes the school readiness of children age 3-5.

The Chickasaw Nation Head Start program focuses on providing skill-appropriate services

The Head Start program helps children learn and react positively to their present environment and is designed to teach skills necessary for academic success in later school years.

Additional services are offered for after school care. More than 400 children, ages four to 12, utilized this program last year.

Students in the Sulphur and Tishomingo area have an opportunity to participate in the Chickasaw Youth Club. Last year, more than 600 students were served by this program.

Ground was broken earlier this spring to build a new facility for the Sulphur Youth Club, which will enable our tribe to serve additional students in this program which builds character and leadership skills, as well as encourages educational success and health, fitness, arts and sports skills.

By serving our youth, we are investing in the future of the Chickasaw Nation.

As always, thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature. It is a privilege and an honor to serve you.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

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Tribal net assets top \$2 billion mark

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the Chickasaw Times and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's Division of Education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending June 30, 2015

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled \$13.72 million for the month and \$134.93 million year-to-date. Expenditures were \$12.52 million for the month and \$98.38 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through June totaled \$886.49 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was \$245,316,442 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At June 30, 2015, the tribal government funds had \$300.10 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, \$21.34 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had \$242.71 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of June 30, 2015, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of \$2.09 billion.

Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Revenues and Expenditures For the Nine Months Ended June 30, 2015			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	\$ 9,944,035	1,011,476,947	1,021,420,981
Transfers from businesses to tribal government	124,982,503	(124,982,503)	-
Total funds available	134,926,538	886,494,443	1,021,420,981
Expenditures			
General government	5,419,273		5,419,273
Legislature	2,218,985		2,218,985
Judiciary	869,925		869,925
Education	16,745,725		16,745,725
Heritage Preservation	15,443,123		15,443,123
Health	15,770,533		15,770,533
Youth Services	2,859,800		2,859,800
Family Services	8,336,561		8,336,561
Nutrition Programs	5,252,845		5,252,845
Regulatory	7,741,567		7,741,567
Assistance Programs	17,723,921		17,723,921
Gaming expense	-	575,277,984	575,277,984
Other businesses' expense	-	190,882,520	190,882,520
Total expenditures	98,382,260	766,160,504	864,542,764
Increase in net assets	36,544,278	120,333,939	156,878,217
Beginning net assets	743,003,190	1,187,670,226	1,930,673,416
Ending net assets	\$ 779,547,468	1,308,004,164	2,087,551,632
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Operations Statement of Net Assets June 30, 2015			
	Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	\$ 300,083,354	242,712,615	542,795,969
Receivables	18,301,774	96,014,763	114,316,537
Inventory	44,387	7,797,822	7,842,209
Prepaid expenses	-	17,440,058	17,440,058
Other Assets	-	1,078,139	1,078,139
Fixed assets	463,470,040	1,046,961,643	1,510,431,683
Less payables	(2,352,086)	(104,000,876)	(106,352,962)
Net Assets	\$ 779,547,468	1,308,004,164	2,087,551,632

Life graced by addition of new granddaughter to join the others

On Friday June12, 2015, the Purcell Chickasaw community Council hosted a speaker's forum for all Chickasaw candidates running for office. The Purcell Council has hosted the forum for several years. It is an excellent opportunity for the public to see and hear the candidates. The entire event is then posted on youtube for all to enjoy. To learn more about the forum or the Purcell Chickasaw Community Council, contact Ms. Carolee Maxwell at (405) 527-7676.



BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The next morning, June 13, the Oklahoma City Chickasaw Community Council was scheduled to host their summer picnic at the Devon Boathouse located in OKC. Lunch this year was provided by the OKC senior Council. The event was a success! Indian tacos, a silent auction, water activities and enthusiasm. To be at the picnic early, Katie and I had spent the night in Norman. The next morning, I received “the call.” Our newest family member was on the way and would be arriving that day! Needless to say, I left Katie behind and headed for the hospital in Durant, OK. The OKC group would have to party without me! Miss Harlow Annette Alexander made her appearance on June 13, 2015 at 1:51pm. She weighed in at 7.12 lbs and was 20 inches long. All involved are healthy and happy. Our grandchild count is now up to 3. Two girls and one boy. Gabriel Sage Alexander was born on February 24, 2015. At 5 months old, Gabriel is a very happy young man. He is rolling over and loves to smile. Our oldest Grandchild, Ever Grace is now 3 years old. She is a natural born leader and keeps all of us in line.



Gabriel Sage Alexander



Harlow Annette Alexander



Ever Grace

The OKC picnic was a success.Many Chickasaw families attended and participated. Who knows, maybe next year I will be able to attend and bring a few Chickasaw grandchildren with me! The Panola District Seniors pulled out early in the morning on July 13th on their way to South Dakota. What a trip and what a group of seniors! Next month I will share on how their adventure went! Meanwhile back at the Nation, progress continues. Ground breaking for an information Center in Tishomingo, the Hall of Fame Banquet, a Special Session of the Legislature, A Chickasaw Foundation Scholarship Reception. This is just a sample of some of the action here in Chickasaw Nation. For the Lord is good; His loving kindness is everlasting, And His faithfulness to all generations. Psalms 100:5

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Story of Kali Homa (Kullihoma) is continued

Hello Everybody, In this article, we pick up “The Story of Kali Homa” by H.R. Antle where we left off last month ... Approximately following General Leavenworth’s route from Fort Gibson to Ft. Washita, the Second Cavalry went to Texas to engage in a quiting of an Indian uprising, 1855. Marks left by this expedition may be found by careful searching, and under the guidance of Indians who witnessed their passage.



KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

All these stirring events are clearly impressed upon those individuals, and are the source of many a fireside story. It is an outstanding characteristic among these Indians for traditions and historical facts to be repeated by the elders until the younger generation become thoroughly versed in this lore as the speakers.

Many famous men were among the officers of this latter expedition; Col. Albert Sidney Johnston; Lt. Col. Robert E. Lee; Maj. Gen. Thomas; Maj. William J. Hardee; Capt. Earl Van Dorn; Capt. Edmund Kirby; Lt. John Hood. This regiment left Jefferson Barracks, for Saint Louis, Oct. 27, 1855. They crossed the Canadian near Camp Holmes and on over the original trail to Fort Washita, crossing the Red River and on to Fort Belknap, Texas.

Meanwhile a firm of traders was established at Camp Holmes and licensed to trade with the Indians. This Camp became known far and wide as Camp (or Fort) Edwards and also as Edward’s Settlement. Edwards daughter married the famous trail blazer Jesse Chisholm. A well used trail extended over much the same route as Leavenworth’s expedition. This trail passed near by the springs, the south and west route to Texas and Colorado. Memory of the traders is also a still much told story of the Chickasaws.

In later years the Texas Cattle trail, running from Denison and Paris, to Kansas, passed into Oklahoma and on to Edwards’ Settlement. A later shortcut was made and proceeded north from the springs on to Kansas. Marks of this trail are easily found, even to the ford on Sincere Creek and Boggy Crossing. Some of the old Indians call this the Chisholm Trail, but as to the truth in that, one must make allowances. Jesse Chisholm was a trader and explorer, with his resting point at the Settlement, and it is possible they may have established the trade routes themselves. Kulli Homma has a story of buried treasure, the presence of which has cost treasure hunters more money in its seeking than probably is hidden. According to Scot Johnston, who died in 1925, the burying of the treasure was typical of similar occurrences in the days of hard riding, straight shooting outlaws .. “ I hope you enjoy the story of Kullihoma as much as I do! We’ll finish up next month. Until then, if you need me, just call. Respectfully, Katie

If you love summer, Tishomingo District is the place for a great visit!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District! I am pleased to report that in Murray County, where I live, the drought is over, the flooding has stopped and the weather is typical normal Oklahoma summertime; HOT! I welcome the heat. I am hoping it will dry up some of the flood soaked land we have. We have had record setting rainfall in Murray County. So much so, in fact, Arbuckle Lake remains closed to this day. Water covers the parking lots and boat docks. We will be lucky to get to use it all this summer. However, the beautiful Chickasaw National Recreation Area Park has been replenished as well as Turner Falls. Both excellent places to go cool off or take a splash after visiting the Cultural Center.



STEVEN WOODS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I confess that I love summer and I live in the best place to enjoy it. I just attended a ground breaking in Tishomingo to celebrate the future building of a new Information Center. That will be such a great place. I would like to invite all my Chickasaw friends from out of town, and out of state, to come visit us here in the Tishomingo District. There are so many beautiful places to stay and many family friendly activities to do. If you want to stay a week before school starts or just a quick week-end getaway, your time will be well spent. Come see all the beautiful landscape that I get to enjoy every day.

There are some things that we need to remember during this month. I know I keep saying it, but please keep your elderly family and friends on your mind. When the temperature rises so does the risk of heat stroke or other heat related illness or injury. Our elders are at extreme risk during this time, especially if they do not have resources for keeping cool. If you or someone you know is in need of a way to keep cool, please contact your local area office. The other is to make sure you don't leave your pets in a vehicle that is not running. So many animals die each year that are left in vehicles during this hot weather.

Our kids and college students go back to school this month and we should keep their education a priority. It's important to remember that these students our the future leaders of our great nation. Check with the Chickasaw Nation education department to see if there are any programs that you or your student could qualify for. Remember application deadlines are fast approaching. As always, please continue to share your ideas, questions, and concerns.

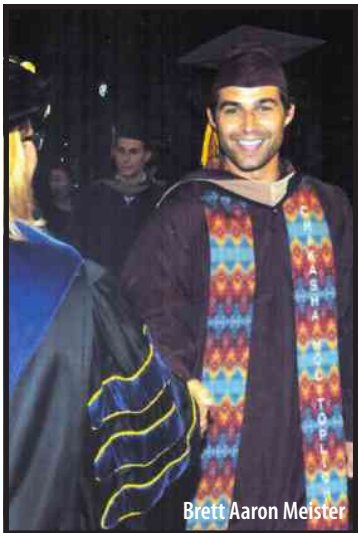
Your Legislator,
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2014-2015 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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GRADUATIONS



Brett Aaron Meister

Brett Aaron Meister received his master's degree in taxation from Arizona State University, W.P. Carey School of Business, May 14, 2015 with an overall 3.6 GPA. He previously received his bachelor's degree in accountancy in 2014 at Arizona State.

W.P. Carey is one of the top 10 public university schools of business. He received financial aid from the Chickasaw Nation, both undergraduate and graduate school, which was of immense help to him in supplementing his G.I. Bill. Prior to attending ASU, he spent four years in the U.S. Marine Corps in the 2/4 "Magnificent Bastards" Squadron,

where after being chosen for special ops, he was assigned to an amphibious heliborn assault unit. He served two tours of duty on the U.S.S. Richard Bonhart (LHD-6) Wasp-class amphibious assault ship. Brett had a very positive experience in the Marines. He was honorably discharged in 2010 and decided to utilize his G.I. Bill and follow a professional path in finance or accounting.

His brother, Chase Aaron Meister, was at ASU in the Ira Fulton School of Engineering. Chase was a great help to him. Chase graduated two years ago from the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at ASU, after finishing his degree in construction management and engineering. He specialized in real estate law and accepted a position in commercial real estate with Palmer Capital, Roseville, Calif., next to Brett's hometown of Granite Bay, Calif. Chase was also assisted in his education by the tribe.

Brett is a direct descendent of his great-great-grandfather, Edmund G. Pickens (Ok-chan-tubby), last chief and first elected governor of the Chickasaw tribe. His great-great-grandfather Hunter Pickens, and great-grandparents, Charles Ambrose Burns and Annie Ned Pickens were original enrollees. Brett's grandmother, Cleo Lacy Burns Meister, passed away at 95 in 2009. She was previously active in the Chickasaw Heritage Association and other tribal activities. Brett's father, Richard Burns Meister, is an ophthalmologist practicing refractive and cataract surgery in Sacramento, Calif., where he relocated after finishing his residency at the University of Texas, Houston, Hermann Eye Center. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in zoology.

Brett has accepted a position in corporate taxation with Price-Waterhouse-Cooper in Los Angeles.

He is thankful for the help and support the tribe has given him in pursuing his career and wishes his grandmother were alive to see the great accomplishments of the tribe and all the tribe has done for him and others.



Cody Lawson Burr

Cody Lawson Burr is a 2015 graduate of the University of California, Davis. His is the son of Alan Burr and Janet Lawson Burr, of Half Moon Bay, Calif. He is the grandson of Rex Lawson and the late Patsy Cox Lawson, of Marietta, Okla. His great-grandmother, Minnie Walker, of Pauls Valley, Okla., was an original enrollee.

Cody earned his degree in biochemistry and molecular biology and made the Dean's List for academic excellence. He was nominated for Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and the College of Biological Science Citation Award for Academic and Research Performance. He was a junior researcher with the Global Health Share Initiative and the Dinesh-Kumar Lab. He also completed the summer toxicology research program at Bodega Bay Marine Lab.

Currently working in Davis in biotech, he is grateful for the support and financial aid from the Chickasaw Nation.



Fiona Bronte Burr

Fiona Bronte Burr is a 2015 graduate of San Francisco State University in California. She is the daughter of Alan Burr and Janet Lawson Burr, of Half Moon Bay, Calif., and the granddaughter of Rex Lawson and the late Patsy Cox Lawson, formerly of Marietta, Okla. She is a great-granddaughter of original enrollee Minnie Walker, of Pauls Valley, Okla.

Fiona earned her degree in interior design with a minor in business administration. While at SFSU, she made the Dean's List all years. She was president of American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) at SFSU and student representative to the board. She is now an emerging professional on the ASID California North Board. Fiona worked with her class to help build housing with Habitat for Humanity and spent a semester abroad in Sydney, Australia studying design and architecture.

She is interested in biophilic and sustainable design and is currently a junior designer for Stone Interiors of San Francisco.

She and her family deeply appreciate the Chickasaw Nation's support and financial aid. Chokma'shki!



Kelo Thomas Kaufusi

Kelo Thomas Kaufusi, of Baytown, Texas, is 2015 graduate of Ross S. Sterling High School. He is the son of Lisa and Richard Torres, and VaKa Kaufusi, grandson of Mary and Jerry Martin, and great-grandson of Darias Corinne Crauatt.

He is a musician and has participated in band for six years, playing the French horn, guitar, and some piano. He is dedicated and sweet and will be successful in any endeavor due to his steadfast outlook.

College is in his future.



Shelby Newton

Shelby Newton is a 2015 graduate of the University of Oregon, Eugene. She received her bachelor's degree in journalism with an emphasis in public relations.

She is the daughter of Jim and Jessie Newton, of Aloha, Ore., granddaughter of Tom and Barbara Halsell, Marion Newton, and the late Bob Newton. Shelby's great-grandfather, T.E. Halsell, was an original Chickasaw enrollee.

While attending university, Shelby was an active member of Delta Delta Delta sorority and served one year as president. As president, she received the University of Oregon "Outstanding Chapter President" award.

Shelby and her family would like to thank the Chickasaw Nation for all their support and encouragement.

BIRTHDAYS



Kaisen McDonald

Kaisen McDonald celebrated his third birthday July 19 with his family and friends.

His theme for his birthday was Ninja Turtles. We would like to thank everyone for coming and celebrating his day with us.

Kaisen is the son of Christian McDonald and Christopher Morris. Kaisen's grandparents are Matthew McDonald and Rachel WithaFeather.

His great-grandparents are the late Larry McDonald and Nadine McDonald, the late Franklin D. Nelson, the late Oleta Stick-Nelson, and the late Michael WithaFeather.

Kaisen we love and are thankful for you every day since you were born! You have been a true blessing and we are thankful that God chose to bless us with such a handsome grandson who has brought us rays of sunshine and sweet laughter.



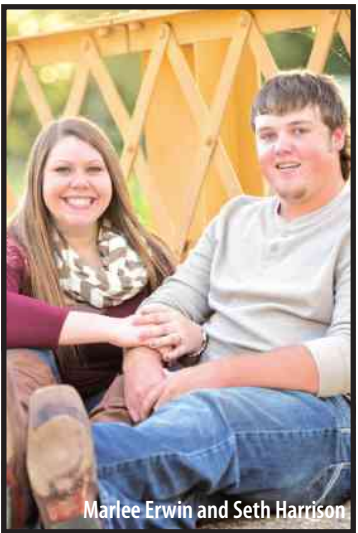
Christian McDonald

Christian McDonald celebrated her 25th birthday with her family and friends on June 24.

Christian is the daughter of Matthew McDonald and Rachel Withafeather. Christian's grandparents are the late Franklin D. Nelson and the late Oleta Stick-Nelson and the late Michael WithaFeather.

Christian we love you and are thankful for every day that God chose to bless us with such a beautiful and remarkable daughter, mother, granddaughter, niece and cousin and friend.

ENGAGEMENT



Marlee Erwin and Seth Harrison

Together with their families, Marlee Erwin and Seth Harrison announce their engagement and upcoming wedding on August 15, 2015 in Durant, Okla.

Marlee is the daughter of Wade and Terri Erwin, of Mead, Okla., and Ginger and Craig Edmondson, of Durant, granddaughter of Maxine Neely, of Milburn, Okla., Margaret Edmondson, of Broken Bow, Okla., the late Bobby and Maxine Erwin, of Willis, Okla., and the late Sonny and Ina Jean Neely, of Coleman, Okla. Marlee is a Chickasaw descendent of Tishie H. Nolen of Willis.

Marlee graduated from CAIP Chickasaw Youth Leadership, Tishomingo High School 2012, and Murray State College 2013. She is currently attending Diagnostic Medical Sonography school in Norman, and will graduate in October.

Seth is the son of Kenny and Marcie Harrison, of Madill, Okla. He is the grandson of Harry and Sandra Richardson, Kenneth Harrison, and the late Dorothy Harrison, all of Madill.

He graduated from Madill High School in 2012. He is a volunteer firefighter, and is employed at the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

Seth enjoys hunting, fishing and boating, and together, the couple love to spend time outside enjoying the great outdoors.

CONGRATULATIONS



Malia Landrum

Malia Landrum was inducted to the National Honor Society for the 2015-2016 school year at Southmoore High School, Moore, Okla.

She is the daughter of Duane and Carrie Landrum, of Moore.



Brandon Landrum

Brandon Landrum was inducted to the National Junior Honor Society for the 2015-2016 school year at Highland West Junior High School, Moore, Okla. He is the son of Duane and Carrie Landrum, of Moore.

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BIRTHS

Gabriel Sage Alexander was born February 24, 2015 at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla. He weighed 9.165 lbs., and measured 21.5 inches at birth.

He is the son of Joshua Alexander and Karla Devany Jimenez. Gabriel is the grandson of Rick and Beth Alexander, of Achille, Okla., and Alfredo and Rosa Jimenez, of Denison, Texas.

He is the great-grandson of Mrs. June Leake, of Howe, Texas, and Don and Nancy Alexander, of Ravina, Texas. He is the great-great-grandson of original enrollee, Mary Annetta Collins.



Gabriel Sage Alexander

Introducing Harlow Annette Alexander born June 13, 2015 in Durant, Okla. She weighed 7 lb., 12 oz., and measured 20 inches long.

She is the daughter of Will and Rebecca Alexander, and baby sister to Ever Grace Alexander.

She is the granddaughter of Rick and Beth Alexander, and Rance and the late Annette Biggs.



Harlow Annette Alexander

Programs & Services Directory available

The 2015 Programs & Services Directory is now available for download at Chickasaw.net/servicedirectory. Hard copies will soon be mailed directly to all Chickasaw citizens.

The Programs & Services Directory contains information about all tribal programs and services. Inside the directory are program descriptions, contact information and office locations.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Ben Bechter of Regis Jesuit High School, Denver, Colo. Ben is the son of Don and Cara Bechter, of Denver, and the grandson of tribal citizens Joe and Loretta Bourland, of Boulder, Colo. Ben is an accomplished lacrosse player for the Regis Raiders, winners of the state championship in 2014 and runner-up in 2015. Also in 2015, Ben was selected All American and chosen Most Valuable Player by his teammates. Ben has accepted a lacrosse scholarship to play for Hobart College in Geneva, N.Y.



Ben Bechter

Ethan John Gomez is going into the fifth grade at Meeker (OK) Elementary. He is 10 years old and a good student. He attends Meeker Assembly of God Church. Everyone is so proud of this young Chickasaw boy. Ethan is the son of John Gomez and Amber Vick, of Ada, Okla., and Michelle Bouy and Nick Lee, of Meeker, Okla., grandson of Patricia Gomez, of Ada, great-grandson of the late Harvey Leslie and Mildred A. Leslie, of Newalla, Okla., and great-great-grandson of original enrollee Nannie Wade.



Ethan John Gomez

COMMUNITY

Ada local youth and Chickasaw Iron Horse player Landin Tenequer had one of his wishes come true by getting to meet his favorite NBA player, Russell Westbrook, while attending the launch of Mr. Westbrook's first signature shoe "The Air Jordan Westbrook 0." Landin is the son of Chris and Joni Tenequer.



Landin Tenequer, right, and OKC Thunder guard Russell Westbrook.

Taylor Davis, of Muskogee, Okla., recently attended SPACE CAMP® at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center, NASA's official Visitor Information Center for Marshall Space Flight Center. The week-long educational program promotes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), while training students and adults with hands-on activities and missions based on teamwork, leadership and decision-making. Taylor was part of the Advanced Academy Program, designed for high school students who have a particular interest in science and aerospace. Trainees spent the week with a team that flew a simulated Space Shuttle mission to the International Space Station (ISS). Once aboard the ISS, the crew participated in experiments and successfully completed an extra-vehicular activity (EVA), or space walk. Trainees received college credit for participating in the program. Taylor and crew returned to Earth in time to hear retired Space Shuttle astronaut Dr. Don Thomas speak at their graduation. Space Camp and Aviation Challenge crew trainers who lead each 16-member team must have at least one year of college and 67% of the staff are college graduates. Space Camp operates year-round in Huntsville, Alabama, and uses astronaut training techniques to engage trainees in real-world applications of STEM subjects. Students sleep in quarters designed to resemble the ISS and train in simulators like those used by NASA. Nearly 700,000 trainees have graduated from Space Camp since its opening in Huntsville in 1982, including STS-131 astronaut Dottie Metcalf-Lindenburger. Last year, children and teachers from all 50 states and 64 international locations attended Space Camp.



Taylor Davis

Class of 2019
Chickasaw citizen Jimmy Wynne enters U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis

ANNAPOLIS, Md. - Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne a graduate of Bridge Creek (OK) High School and Chickasaw citizen, was inducted into the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 2019 Wednesday, July 1. He will begin six challenging weeks of basic midshipman training as part of Plebe Summer. Mr. Wynne is the son of U.S. Army Sgt. Major Jimmy Wynne and Jennifer Wynne of Bridge Creek, Okla. Approximately 1,200 candidates are selected each year for the Academy's "plebe" or freshman class, and each student is required to participate in Plebe Summer. Last year the Naval Academy received over 17,500 applications for the Class of 2019. During this time, plebes have no access to television, movies, the internet or music, and re-

years of challenge, which await them. As the summer progresses, the new midshipmen rapidly assimilate basic skills in seamanship, navigation, damage control, sailing, and handling yard patrol craft. Plebes also learn infantry drill and how to shoot 9mm pistols and M-16 rifles. Other daily training sessions involve moral, mental, physical or professional development and team-building skills. Activities include swimming, martial arts, basic rock climbing, obsta-



Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, left, and his father U.S. Army Sgt. Major Jimmy Wynne.

rious four-year service academy that prepares midshipmen morally, mentally and physically to be professional officers in the naval service. More than 4,400 men and women representing every state in the U.S. and several foreign countries make up the student body, known as the Brigade of Midshipmen. U.S. News and World Report has recognized the Naval Academy as a top five undergraduate engineering school and a top 20 best liberal arts college. Midshipmen learn from military and civilian instructors and participate in intercollegiate varsity sports and extracurricular activities. They also study subjects such as leadership, ethics, small arms, drill, seamanship and navigation, tactics, naval engineering and weapons, and military law. Upon graduation, midshipmen earn a bachelor of science degree in a choice of 25 different subject majors and go on to serve at least five years of exciting and rewarding service as commissioned officers in the U.S. Navy or U.S. Marine Corps. The Brigade of Midshipmen is comprised of approximately 4,400 students from every state in the union and a handful of international students. Each year, approximately 1,200 young men and women are admitted to the Naval Academy's incoming class.



Jimmy Tishomingo Wynne, center, with his sister, father U.S. Army Sgt. Major Jimmy Wynne, and mother Jennifer Wynne.

stricted access to cell phones. They are only permitted to make three calls during the six weeks of Plebe Summer. The pressure and rigor of Plebe Summer is carefully designed to help plebes prepare for their first academic year at the Naval Academy and the four

cle, endurance and confidence courses designed to develop physical, mental and team-building skills. Forty hours are devoted to the instruction of infantry drill and five formal parades. Founded in 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy today is a presti-

The academy's more than 81,000 alumni include one president, 21 members of Congress, five governors, 73 Medal of Honor recipients, 20 Nobel Prize winners, 52 astronauts and 4,000 admirals and generals.

GRADUATIONS



Bradley David Blackburn

Sarah Ann Wilson, of Marana, Ariz., is a 2015 graduate of Northern Arizona University. She is the granddaughter of Richard B. Wilson, of Tucson, Ariz. During graduation, she proudly wore her Chickasha Holitoplich sash. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in education and will be relocating to Denver, Colo., to teach elementary education.



Sarah Ann Wilson

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Chickasaw students serve internships



Gov. Bill Anoatubby with Chickasaw Nation Interns at Chickasaw Nation headquarters in Ada, Okla. Front row from left, Lauren Stafford, Kellie Lott, Cari Spain, Emily Banks, Cameron Anderson, Ali Tackett, Catie Hamilton. Back row from left, Gov. Bill Anoatubby, Matthew Walls, Kelsey Pershica, Kellie Case, Jacob Testerman, Chad Larson, Timothy Duggan.

Local group provides fleece hats for little ones

Helping Hand ladies donate to Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

ADA, Okla. - When visiting new mothers and their tiny bundles of joy at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, most babies sport colorful fleece caps that help keep them warm.

A group of ladies in Chickasaw County established the tradition of creating the “welcome gift” for babies born at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center more than 10 years ago.

Members of the Murray County-based Helping Hand OHCE (Oklahoma Home and Community Education) group deliver the tiny fleece caps twice a year to the maternity ward.

Over time, they have provided about 700 of the handmade caps.

The tradition began about a decade ago when the ladies were considering a service project.

Established in Oklahoma in 1914 as “home demonstration clubs,” each OHCE club completes several service projects throughout the year.

“Someone suggested the babies at Carl Albert Hospital could use these little hats,” club president June Mize said. Carl Albert was the forerunner of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

At first the caps were crocheted in a rainbow of colors by members. A few years later, the ladies turned to a soft fleece pattern they still use.



Helping Hand OHCE members, from left, June Mize, Francis Atkins, and Joyce Jordan and Anna Wudi (far right) deliver caps for babies born at Chickasaw Nation Medical Center to Medical Center nurses Melanie Mosier, Angela Morris, Melissa Hawkins, Jez Jonka and Natasha Estep.

“They are simple to make,” Mrs. Mize said as she was tying a pink bow on a bright white hat. “And it’s a way for us to give back to the community.”

All members help with the project, from the younger members to 92-year-old Ollie Lowrance.

A small assembly of the Helping Hand ladies delivered 35 caps last spring, all featuring colorful patterns and designs including tractors, baby ducks and purple

plaid prints.

Oklahoma Home and Community Education, Inc., is a program of continuing education in all aspects of home and community life. Through its relationship with the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service, OHCE presents research-based information to its members.

Monthly educational lessons, leadership development and community service projects provide

OHCE members an opportunity to apply this research based information in their homes and communities.

In 2014, the OHCE groups statewide celebrated 100 years of educating community members and providing community service.

The local Helpings Hands Club also provides care packages to Veterans each year as a service project.

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Presentation proposals sought for Dynamic Women

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is now accepting presentation proposals for the 2016 Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum.

Deadline for proposal submission is Aug. 21, 2015.

The annual event will be April 14-15, 2016 at the Artesian Hotel and Spa in Sulphur, Okla. Presenters must be over the age of 30 and have a minimum of five years’ experience in their professional field or area of expertise. Applications for presenters can be found at www.chickasaw.net.

For more information on the Dynamic Women Conference and Forum, contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Nominate now for Dynamic Women

The Chickasaw Nation is now accepting nominations for the 2015 Dynamic Woman of the Year Award. All nominations and supporting documentation must be turned in to Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities by Aug. 21, 2015.

Chickasaw women age 35 and up, with proof of citizenship through Chickasaw Nation citizenship documentation or Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB), are eligible.

For a nomination form or more information, visit www.chickasaw.net or contact Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Gabrielle Padilla enjoys big venue Presents Lord’s Prayer, national anthem at Nike N7

STILLWATER, Okla. - When Chickasaw citizen Gabrielle Padilla took the stage at the Nike N7 event, she realized it was the biggest audience and performance she has faced thus far in her young life.

Gabrielle, 14, of Ada, Okla., presented the Lord’s Prayer and the national anthem in sign language at Oklahoma State University’s first Nike N7 Movement field day. The event supports healthy lifestyle for young Native Americans.

Gabrielle has had a number of performing opportunities. She is a former Little Miss Chickasaw, and a former Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City.

As Little Miss Chickasaw she served as an ambassador representing the Chickasaw Nation at many events. As Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City, she interpreted songs in American Sign

Language at events, attended multiple dance exhibitions and participated in parades. Even after her reign as 2009-2010 as Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City, she continued to perform. She signed “The Lord’s Prayer” at many church appearances and the 2009 Red Earth festival.

Before the Nike N7 event, the Oklahoma State Fair was the biggest venue at which she had performed. The Nike N7 event was in April at Boone Pickens stadium, by far the biggest venue for Gabrielle.

“The first time I got nervous in front of a large crowd was at the Oklahoma State Fair, when serving as Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City,” she said. “We practiced with the other Miss Indian Oklahoma City Princesses and made sure our song was ingrained. I think that the discipline to con-

stantly practice, obtained when I was Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City princess, made the N7 event a success.”

Gabrielle said her experiences as Little Miss Indian Oklahoma City Princess improved her public appearance skills, discipline and boosted her confidence. The exposure at the events she attended during her reign, she said, had improved her communication skills.

Gabrielle is currently preparing to take the ACT. She plans to attend college and study art and fashion.



Gabrielle Padilla and Pistol Pete at Oklahoma State University.

She is the daughter of Stefani Boyle and Fernando Padilla Jr.

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Sam Sweet medals at state tourney Runner hitting stride as distance specialist

NORMAN, Okla. - A Chickasaw high school runner recently took top spots in two events.

Sam Sweet, a Chickasaw and rising senior at Byng (OK) High School, was first in regional competition in the 3,200-meter run, and second in the 1,600-meter run. His Byng team finished second in the 3,200-meter relay to earn

a berth in the state tournament. Regional competition was held in Madill, Okla.

Sam helped the Byng Pirates compete on a state level and he finished as a medalist in two events at the state tournament in Norman.

He was fifth in the 3,200-meter run and sixth in the 1,600-meter run. In both events, he finished

with personal best times. He ran the 3,200 in 9:58, and the 1,600 in 4:34.

The Pirates finished in 10th place in the 3,200-meter relay with a time of 8:43 at the state tourney.

Sam Sweet was a fifth-place medal winner at the state tournament 3,200-meter run. Sam competes for the Byng (OK) High School Pirates.



SAM SWEET

Tribe’s summer food service program feeds kids in Ada, Ardmore and Purcell

Thousands of meals served; kids enjoy activities

The Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Summer Food Service Program provided free meals to children at several locations this summer at several locations. Cities served by the program included Ardmore, Ada and Purcell.

During the months of May and June, over 16,000 free meals were provided to children.

During the celebrations, free meals were provided to children ages 1-18, and a variety of games and activities were planned for each location. Each celebration event was open to the public, and children of all ages participated in games and activities designed for outdoor summer fun!

The Ada summer celebration took place at Glenwood Park, where representatives from

Lighthorse Police Department, Ada Fire Department, and the Ada Police Department participated in the outdoor children’s activities.

The Summer Food service Program will continue to provide free meals through August 7.

For more information on programs and services offered by the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services or to find a Summer Food feeding site near you, contact a member of the Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services Summer Food team at (855) 572-3433.



Local children prepare to eat lunch at the Glenwood Park celebration June 19.



Little Chickasaw Aubrianne Terry enjoys time in the shade during the summer food service program celebration at Glenwood Park in Ada, June 19.

Attaining goals

Chance Brown engages tribe to boost career

ADA, Okla. – Creativity is the Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy’s “common denominator.” Every summer, talented master artists return to share their knowledge with ambitious and eager students at the two-week academy.

Chickasaw citizen Chance Brown worked as a teacher’s assistant in the visual arts section this year. As Mr. Brown is helping young people discover their inner artists, he is also gaining valuable teaching experience.

As he is working with students, he is also fulfilling his personal goal to teach art. Mr. Brown, 24, set his goal while a junior high student in Dickson, Okla.

In his fifth year working at the Arts Academy, Mr. Brown applies teaching theories he learned in the college classroom.

“Being so young, I can relate to the students and also be there to guide, direct and sometimes motivate them,” he said. “They have great ideas but sometimes you have to help them to discover what would be esthetically pleasing.”

A 2013 fine arts graduate of East Central (OK) University, Mr. Brown took a job with the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Department.

He is now a gainfully employed professional who is able to work in his desired field.

Without the support of the Chickasaw Nation each step of the way, Mr. Brown said, his education and professional career would have been out of reach.

“If it wasn’t for the Chickasaw Nation, I couldn’t have received my education,” he said. “From elementary school to college, it was a huge contributing factor which allowed me to do what I wanted to do.”

Since he has been working as an assistant teacher at the Arts Academy, he has put into practice lesson planning, teaching techniques and time management skills.

He works with students in the 3-D visual arts section, which is

not his area of specialization.

“That also challenges me,” he said. “We’ve worked with a variety of media, such as cardboard, ceramics, wood and nail art and I always learn something new.”

Although the core principals of art remain constant, Mr. Brown is able to improve his 3-D art skills as well that of his students.

Experience working art-related summer jobs in art galleries and art supply stores provided Mr. Brown with a view of the business side of art. It also helped him improve his interpersonal skills.

Mr. Brown got these real-world experiences through the Chickasaw Nation Summer Youth program.

He is also a graduate of the Chickasaw Nation Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders) program, which provided several unique opportunities.

When traveling with the group to Washington, D.C., in 2009, Mr. Brown brought along an 18 x 24 portrait of President Barack Obama he created especially for the trip.

The portrait was delivered to the White House and Mr. Brown later received a thank you note from the President and Mrs. Obama.

The note was matted and framed and still hangs on the wall of his mother’s house in Ardmore, Okla.

Besides the presidential opportunity, Mr. Brown said the tribal leadership program offered him an education on subjects not taught in school, as well as life-building skills.

In his spare time, he creates art, mostly color pencil abstracts, watercolor, acrylic or oil painting.

A few clients have taken notice of his talents and commissioned him to complete artwork, which, he said, was “humbling.”

His hobby is drawing portraits of “old school” Rhythm & Blues groups and when presenting them when he attends concerts.

R&B artists Charlie Wilson, Frankie Beverly, Aretha Franklin, Al Green, Patti Labelle,



Chickasaw artist Chance Brown.

Gladys Knight and “Earth Wind and Fire,” have all been given a Chance Brown original.

Mr. Brown’s work has recently been featured in one-man shows in several southern Oklahoma art galleries.

His future plans include continuing his education and teaching art at the college level.

Mr. Brown credits his family, including his parents, grandmother and close family, for much of his success.

“I was very fortunate,” he said. “They always believed in me. I was never told that I couldn’t do what I wanted to do.”

About Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy
The Chickasaw Summer Arts

Academy (CSAA) is a two-week exploration into the world of fine arts for students ages 8-18.

The 2015 academy will take place July 13-31 on the campus of East Central University in Ada, Okla.

Hosted by Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities, students were taught a range of disciplines including vocal music, theatre, theatre technology, dance, creative writing, visual arts in 2-D and 3-D, music composition, photography, textile design, cultural arts and video production.

For more information, call Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities, at (580) 272-5520.

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Corn husk dolls class set for Aug. 8 in Tishomingo

The Chickasaw Council House Museum will offer a corn husk dolls class, Saturday, Aug. 8, from 1-3 p.m. at 209 N. Fisher in Tishomingo. The class will be on the museum’s second floor.

The class is open to the public and supplies will be provided. Class space is limited, so please call to reserve your seat.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Council House Museum at (580) 371-3351.

Monotype printing classes Aug. 8, Sept. 12

SULPHUR, Okla. - Chickasaw artist Ellen Etzler is scheduled to teach monotype printing with gelli trays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at ARTesian Gallery & Studios, Aug. 8 and Sept. 12. ARTesian Gallery & Studios is located at 100 W. Muskogee Street, Sulphur.

No experience is necessary. Class fee is \$10 includes all materials.

For more information, contact the ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8040 or email artistinfo@Chickasaw.net.

‘Movie Night at the Museums’ Aug. 21

“Movie night at the Museums,” a fun family event, will feature “Guardians of the Galaxy” Aug. 21.

The movie starts at 8 p.m. on the Chickasaw National Capitol grounds in Tishomingo. Admission is free and guests are invited to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Popcorn and soda will be provided.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation History & Culture at (580) 371-9835.

Stomp Dance at Kullihoma Aug. 15

Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources will host a stomp dance from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 15, from 8 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Kullihoma stomp grounds. The event is open to the public. Food and refreshments will be served.

Kullihoma is located seven miles northeast of Ada on State Highway 1, then three miles east and one mile south.

For more information, contact Chickasaw Nation Cultural Resources at (580) 622-7140.

Handmade book workshop Sept. 4

SULPHUR, Okla. - The ARTesian Gallery & Studios will offer a Handmade Book Workshop with guest instructors Suza Wooldridge, Sharon Kilfoyle, Carleen Fullerton and Leandra Spangler.

Missouri fiber artists lead an eight-hour workshop where participants create a handmade book, learn dye techniques, embroidery stitches and simple bookmaking techniques. Class will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 4 at ARTesian Gallery & Studios, 100 W Muskogee Street in Sulphur. Fee is \$100 with materials provided.

For more information, contact ARTesian Gallery & Studios at (580) 622-8042 or artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

‘All-American Blood Drive’ nets 193 pints

ADA, Okla. – Several local organizations collaborated for the sixth year in a row to collect blood donations from local community members. This annual event is sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation, People’s Electric Cooperative (PEC), Mercy Hospital Ada, and the Oklahoma City Dodgers.

Debbie Jackson, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center executive officer for customer relations, was on-site to welcome volunteers and donors.

“The four sponsoring organizations work together in a spirit of cooperation with one common goal, to help the people of our community,” Mrs. Jackson said. “The response from local donors and volunteers within the community was gratifying. Through their generosity, we collected 193 pints of blood. A total of 579 patients will benefit from this one blood drive! This is a tremendous

gift to our community, and will impact the lives of others by keeping the supply of blood available to patients in need.”

Oklahoma Blood Institute is the eighth-largest non-profit blood center in America. The organization provides every drop of blood needed by patients at more than 140 medical facilities across Oklahoma.

For more information on donating blood, contact the Oklahoma



Chickasaw citizen and tribal employee Mike McKee gives the “thumbs up” as he donates blood at the sixth annual Ada All-American Blood Drive July 1 at the Agriplex in Ada.

Blood Institute at (580) 436-0384, or visit www.obl.org.

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deadCENTER Film Festival

Chickasaw storytellers access technology, take new routes to relate the Chickasaw saga



Chickasaw musician Zach Garcia performs an original song at the deadCENTER Film Festival's "Native Storytelling" session June 13 at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. Mr. Garcia explained in a question and answer session that he uses music to tell stories about his Chickasaw heritage. The first Chickasaw Heritage Series film "First Encounter," which won Best Short Documentary in January at the Trail Dance Film Festival, was shown to an appreciative audience of festival-goers.

OKLAHOMA CITY – Native American storytelling is changing with modern technology. In ancient times, stories were passed down by the spoken word through generations. At a special June 13 presentation, deadCENTER Film Festival participants learned just how advanced Native storytelling has become. Music, movies, short documentaries and modern art are now being used to tell Native American stories. An expert panel of Chickasaw, Choctaw and Kiowa citizens illustrated the new methods.

FROM THE BEGINNING
Chickasaw storyteller and author Glenda Galvan gestured from a lectern to recount the very beginnings of the Chickasaw Nation. She vividly described how the Chickasaw and Choctaw were once one people. The people traversed

the land of the Southeast seeking a permanent home. They were led by a pole provided by the creator to guide them, and a powerful dog to protect and heal them along the journey. Employing oral history handed down to her, Ms. Galvan told how the tribe split into separate groups, with the Chickasaw settling in what is now northern Mississippi, and the Choctaw in the south. "This is how Natives communicated the tribe's history and passed down its traditions," Ms. Galvan said. Native people, she said, would address multiple topics, from religion to medicine to parables. Chickasaw oral history is a vast collection. Ms. Galvan found she too would be compelled to engage modern ways of sharing stories. She has authored three books for children, each with the main title

"Chikasha Stories." Honors have been bestowed upon her work and that of the books' Chickasaw illustrator, Jeannie Barbour. **LET THERE BE SONG**
For 20 minutes, young Chickasaw musician Zach Garcia presented Chickasaw stories – through original music. Playing a cutaway Washburn guitar, Mr. Garcia used lyrics, beat, rhythm and repeating musical "loops" from modern electronic gadgetry to tell his stories to an appreciative gathering. With his eyes closed and a gentle dance-like sway, Mr. Garcia captivated. Centuries ago – just as now – Chickasaws used lyrics from a singer and the rhythm of women shell-shakers to bring forth song and worship at stomp dances. Mr. Garcia, only in his early 20s, is just getting started. Another Chickasaw musician, Jerod Tate,

is using classical piano and Native languages to tell stories and reach audiences. Mr. Tate is well-known in national music circles as a top notch player and composer. His works have been performed by major metropolitan orchestras for several years. **THE POWER OF FILM**
An award-winning documentary produced by the Chickasaw Nation was previewed during the festival. Leading the Chickasaw Heritage Series, "First Encounter" follows the tribe's initial contact with European explorers in 1540. It was an encounter that ultimately ended in bloodshed. It crippled Hernando de Soto's expedition and ended the folly of plundering "riches" from Native people. The showing was met with strong audience approval at the deadCENTER festival. "The Chickasaw Nation is dedi-

cated to utilizing the medium of film to tell our tribe's unique story," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "First Encounter" is an excellent film that engages audiences and allows them to appreciate our special history." "First Encounter" was judged Best Short Documentary at the Trail Dance Film Festival in January and has aired statewide on public television's OETA. The documentary's director is Phillip Sullivan. Mr. Sullivan fielded questions from the audience after "First Encounter" was shown. His enthusiasm for documentaries and movie making was engaging. He told how the Chickasaw Nation prepared to shoot the film, where it was shot and told of the positive reception it has received. Movie making is not new to the Chickasaw Nation. The tribe has dedicated itself to the medium to tell tribal stories and showcase tribal citizens. The tribe released its first film in 2010. "Pearl" told the remarkable story of a 13-year-old Chickasaw girl who became the youngest licensed pilot in the U.S. She later worked as a stunt pilot. She learned to fly under the tutelage of famed Oklahoma aviator and inventor Wiley Post. Buoyed by critical acclaim for its first film endeavor, the Chickasaw Nation embarked upon a second feature film in the summer 2014. "Te Ata" chronicles the early life and career of Te Ata Thompson Fisher, a famed Chickasaw storyteller and actress. Te Ata was selected for induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame in 1957; was named the first "Oklahoma Treasure" in 1987; and was honored by the tribe with her 1990 induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame. Currently in post-production, "Te Ata" stars Academy Award nominee Graham Greene, movie and television star Gil Birmingham, with O'Orianka Kilcher in the title role.

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Diabetes Camp



Participants at the 2015 Chickasaw Nation Diabetes Camp on June 22-26 at the Chickasaw Nation Retreat and Conference Center in Sulphur, Okla. Chickasaw citizens engaged in a round table discussions during the week-long camp,

Chickasaw elder veterans apply now for Veterans Day trip to Washington

Serving in wars and conflicts since before the birth of the United States, our Chickasaw veterans have continued serving our country and protecting its people into the modern age. Regardless of when or where they served, these veterans embody the proud, Chickasaw warrior spirit, and the Chickasaw Nation honors them for it. Each November, the Chickasaw Nation extends gratitude to our Chickasaw elder veterans by providing a trip to Washington, D.C., during the week of Veterans Day. Participants are selected at random and enjoy five days of monuments, memorials and museums in our nation's capital, all experienced in the company of fellow Chickasaw elder veterans.

Our veterans are encouraged to bring one caregiver or companion to enjoy the best experience possible for our veterans, while allowing opportunities for the ignition of lasting friendships with former servicemen. To be eligible, applicants must be Chickasaw citizens, able to provide proof of service in the United States military and be 60 years of age or older. The application deadline for the August 2015 trip is August 14. For more information on how to apply, please contact a senior center manager at one of our 12 senior center locations, or call the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging administration office at (580) 795-9790.

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Artists: Applications available for Southeastern Art Show and Market

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is accepting applications for the 2015 Southeastern Art Show and Market, Oct. 2-3, 2015 in Tishomingo, Okla., during Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting & Festival. SEASAM is a juried art competition. Adults and youth from any Southeastern or Woodland tribe are encouraged to enter the competition. Artists may enter up to two works of art in any of the four categories. Youth art competition is open to students 14-17 years old. Deadline for applications Sept. 4, 2015. For more information contact, Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Artwork sought for CD cover

Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities is accepting entries for the "Taloowa Chokma'ski" cover of the 2015 Chickasaw Young Composers Recording Project. The classical music on the CD was composed by students who attended the 2012-2014 Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy. Artwork guidelines: The artwork for the cover can be 10" X 10" to 24" X 24" (square) in size and may be submitted on art paper, canvas or art board. Deadline for entry Friday, Sept. 18, 5 p.m. For more information, contact Gwen Postoak at (580) 272-5520 or email gwen.postoak@chickasaw.net.



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Cultural Enrichment Family Camp

Chickasaw families come to share their common bond of language, history, culture

SULPHUR, Okla. - Spending quality time with family can be a rarity in modern society. So, the Chickasaw Language Department has created a camp to encourage family bonding while promoting Chickasaw language, history and culture. The two and one-half day Chickasaw Cultural Enrichment Family Camp was in June at the sprawling Chickasaw Retreat and Conference Center near Sulphur. The camp provided the opportunity for more families to come together to experience their Chickasaw culture. From an evening fishing trip and cookout to touring the various Chickasaw museums and Cultural Center, campers enjoyed language activities, games and crafts. Amy Shuptrine of Chandler, Texas, and her two sons Hunter, 12, and Tristian, 11, have attended the camp the past four years.



Tristan Shuptrine, Levita and Kylie Shafer and Hunter Shuptrine, of Chandler, Texas, at the Cultural Enrichment Family Camp, June 18, at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.



The Powell family, Shawnee, Josh, Jaiden and Carter, of Iowa Park, Texas, enjoying the Chickasaw Cultural Center during Cultural Enrichment Family Camp, June 18.

“Families should come,” Ms. Shuptrine said. “There are a lot of fun activities that you can do for all ages and something interesting you can teach your children at home to really enrich them with their culture.” Each year, they return for the

family bonding experience. It has become a family summer trip bringing new family members each year. For their fourth year, Ms. Shuptrine invited her mother, Levita Shafer, niece, Kylie Shafer, 4, and uncle Dusty Durant.

“It’s something we look forward to every year,” she said. “It’s the family bonding experience. Kylie is four and this is her first year and we want her to learn and enjoy with us. That’s the reason we all come.” Applications are accepted each

spring for the Chickasaw Cultural Enrichment Family Camp. For more information, contact The Chickasaw Nation Language Department at (580) 272-5540.

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Chickasaws match up with jobs at ‘Coffee & Careers’

Looking for a new and challenging job can be frustrating. Many Chickasaw citizens, however, found the perfect position for them at the Chickasaw Nation’s “Coffee & Careers” hiring event. The May event hosted about 100 Chickasaw job candidates. More than 40 Chickasaw Nation departments took part including accounting, casino operations, counseling, education, health care, history and culture, information technology and many more.



Krysten Mills, hired during the first “Coffee & Careers” event, May 5, working as a teacher’s assistant in the child care department.

Rebecca Lightfoot, of Ada, Okla., was one of the attendees. She decided to attend after receiving a postcard in the mail. She said she was pleasantly surprised to be hired through the one-day event. “I filled out an application, chose which positions I thought I might be interested in, interviewed and was offered two jobs,” she said. “It was really hard to decide right then, but it was exciting.”

After completing her paperwork and selecting a start date, Ms. Lightfoot is now a Department of Communications and Community Development administrative assistant. Another Chickasaw citizen hired during the event was Krysten Mills, of Ada. She is now a teacher’s assistant in the Child Care Department. “I would recommend this event to other Chickasaws,” Ms. Mills said. “It was really organized and it was very exciting.” Chickasaw Nation Human Resources will host the next “Coffee & Careers” hiring event from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., Sept. 14 at Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla. Candidates are asked to bring a driver’s license, CDIB and Social Security card. Candidates can fill out an application before the event, online at [HTTPS://jobs.chickasaw.net](https://jobs.chickasaw.net). For more information on the “Coffee & Careers” citizen hiring event, contact Chickasaw Nation Human Resources at (580) 436-7259.

Chickasaw woman beats the odds with ‘School-to-Work’

ADA, Okla. - Sometimes, it takes a while to find your calling in life. Chickasaw citizen Jahna Buckaloo discovered protecting children’s futures and keeping Chickasaw families united was her calling. Mrs. Buckaloo credits the Chickasaw Nation School to Work program for the support and assistance she needed to finish college and find her career path. “The School to Work program makes it easy for people who are trying to find careers,” she said. Once Mrs. Buckaloo was accepted into the tribe’s School the Work program, she excelled in both her academic work and the speed with which she earned her degree. Her academic performance set the bar high for her classmates. She became a recognized achiever in school while raising three children. She also put in a 45-mile daily commute to work and class. The former Miss Jahna Clark graduated high school in Mill Creek, Johnston County, Oklahoma in 2002. She immediately entered college, but lacked motivation and maturity. Mrs. Buckaloo found her classes uninspiring and left college to enter the world of work. Soon enough she was working late nights and taking care of her family. Her husband, Micheal, encouraged her to return to school. She debated for about six months, then enrolled at Murray State College in near-by Tishomingo

for a second try. She chose general education as her field of study. “Even at the age of 28, I couldn’t figure out what I wanted to do when I grew up,” she said. The first semester she earned a 4.0 grade point average, which bolstered her confidence to continue. Then, she had a casual chat with a social service professional that piqued her interest in the field. She decided to pursue a degree in social work. Mrs. Buckaloo was already taking classes when she learned of the School to Work Program while visiting Chickasaw.net. She applied, was accepted and completed her bachelor’s degree in about a year, taking as many as 24 hours in one semester. The tribe’s School to Work program introduces students to all facets of their chosen career fields. That helped Mrs. Buckaloo stay focused on her academic goals. Once on the job, she appreciated the tribe’s focus. “The number one goal is to protect Chickasaw children and to keep Chickasaw families together, she said. “The good thing about School to Work is there are so many aspects you can do. It really helps you figure out what you want to do. I was able to see what would suit me better, what would be a better fit. It helped me figure out my passion.” Supervisors, she said, are willing to work with students, answer questions and provide



JAHNA BUCKALOO

support. “They really have your back for whatever you need.” Her official graduation date from East Central (OK) University was July 28, after she completed 440 hours of internship. “I’ve gotten a year experience I normally wouldn’t have gotten,” Mrs. Buckaloo said. She graduated with honors, a perfect 4.0 gpa, Alpha Chi honors and Highest Academic Achievement in her college. And she earned Chickasaw and ECU honor stoles. Mrs. Buckaloo credits her family and the School to Work Program for helping her achieve her goal. “I was blessed,” she said. “My husband and my family helped as much as they could.” The great-great-granddaughter of Chickasaw Gov. Cyrus Harris, she was always aware of her Chickasaw heritage as she was growing up. “We’ve always learned about our native culture,” she said. “It’s something my dad and grandfa-

ther talked about – as long as I can remember. We come from the strong Chickasaw heritage. It is something my family has always taken pride in.” Gov. Bill Anoatubby offered Mrs. Buckaloo congratulations on her accomplishments. “We commend Mrs. Buckaloo for taking the initiative to seize this opportunity to earn her degree and find a meaningful career path, Gov. Anoatubby said. “She is a great example of what we are hoping to accomplish through our School to Work program. Her hard work and determination turned this opportunity into a career which will benefit her family and many other families throughout the Chickasaw Nation.” About School to Work The School to Work program provides eligible Chickasaw students the opportunity to pursue higher education goals while maintaining full-time employment. Students accepted in the program attend class and work in internship programs, typically in an area associated with their fields of study. Participants also fulfill all requirements and responsibilities of their on-the-job training. For more information about the School to Work program call (580) 559-0815 in Ada, (580) 222-2839 in Ardmore or (405) 767-8991 in Norman and Oklahoma City.

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Junior Miss Chickasaw Maegan Carney

Chukma! Saholchifoat Maegan Carney and I am the 2014-2015 Chickasaw Junior Princess. Throughout my reign, I have experienced and learned many new things. In July, the Princesses and I performed the Lord’s Prayer at the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) American Indians Committee luncheon in Washington, D.C. We (the Princesses) also attended the opening night ceremony of the NSDAR 124th Continental Congress. Numerous Congressional Pages dressed in white, carried flags representing many different states and countries and placed them on the huge stage. It was grand and impressive experience. While in Washington, D.C., we also toured the White House and took a

guided night tour of Washington, D.C.’s monuments and memorials, allowing us to see these impressive monuments floodlit by night. Each week the other princesses and I attend classes with really great teachers. Recently, we have been taking classes on how to make pucker toe moccasins with Dixie Brewer. She has also taught us how to make beaded collars. I have learned so much from Dixie and I am truly grateful for sharing all her knowledge with us. We have also had a class over story telling with Stephanie Scott. I love hearing stories that have been passed down from generation to generation. Stephanie shared many stories with us and acted out some of them. Even though it was kind of silly, we loved them.

My very favorite story is the tale of the Two Brothers and the White Dog. I could listen to that story all day and I enjoy reading different versions of that same story. Hearing that story about the two brothers never giving up on finding their home, always gives me hope, and courage to never give up. I wish to continue to learn more stories about our history and culture, and how we thrive to be the Unconquered Nation. Being Chickasaw Jr. Princess has enriched my ability to impart our Chickasaw traditions and customs with the youth so hopefully they are encouraged to learn more about their culture or even participate in the pageant.



MAEGAN CARNEY

I want to encourage our Chickasaw young ladies to participate in the upcoming pageant on September 28. It’s a wonderful opportunity to be an ambassador for our great nation. Yakoke! Maegan Carney, 2014-2015 Chickasaw Junior Princess

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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Absent: Nancy Elliott

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Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Steve Woods
Absent: Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus

Human Resources Committee · July 6, 2015
Present: Katie Case, Mary Jo Green, Toby Perkins, Connie Barker
Absent: Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus

LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Special Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 13, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
AGENDA ITEM #4 REPORT OF COMMITTEE

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz

GR32-037 Acceptance of the Terms of the Joint Stipulation of Settlement, in the Case Entitle: The Chickasaw Nation and The Choctaw Nation v. The Department of the Interior et al.; Case No. CIV-05-1524-W; United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma and For Other Purposes

AGENDA ITEM #5 ADJOURNMENT

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
Legislative Session
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
July 17, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
AGENDA ITEM #4 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 13, 2015
June 19, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #5 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
AGENDA ITEM #6 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair David Woerz
GR32-036 Authorization for a Waiver of the Chickasaw Nation's Sovereign Immunity and/or Exhaustion of Tribal Remedies for the Limited Purpose of Enforcement of a Settlement Agreement with Glaxosmith-kline LLC
(B) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
GR32-032 Approval of Development Budget Amendment, CNDH Support Building
GR32-035 Approval of Consolidated Government Budget – Fiscal Year 2016
(C) HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Dean McManus
GR32-034 Approval of Application for Funding Bureau of Indian Affairs, Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program
(D) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
GR32-033 Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County
AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

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JUNE 2015 LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION
Legislature Building
Ada, Oklahoma
June 19, 2015

AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Chairperson Connie Barker called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL
Members present: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
Member absent: Linda Briggs; Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary; Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms; Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel; Guests present: Mike Watson, Eugene (Nashoba) Thompson, Michael L. Wingo, Clint Hardison, Richard Barker, Dana Lance, Judy Gofoth Parker, Faithlyn Seawright, Gwen Burris

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION
Invocation was given by Ms. Green.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES -May 15, 2015
A motion was made by Ms. Hammond and seconded by Ms. Green to approve the minutes of May 15, 2015.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
12 yes votes
The motion to approve the minutes of May 15, 2015 carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS
There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES
(A) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Toby Perkins
General Resolution Number 32-031, Approval of Development Budget Amendment
Emergency Medical Services Building
This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the Emergency Medical Services Building, Project Number 30-0157-15 in the amount of \$2,800,000.00.
The Chickasaw Nation Emergency Medical Services (EMS) consists of two emergency medical crews that are available to respond 24 hours a day. These crews, however, do not reside inside the department for the entire 24 hour period. Currently, they do not respond to 911 emergency calls inside the community unless requested to provide mutual aid. This department functions on a 30 minute call back system after 1700 hours for transfers. It is our position that the area that is currently occupied by the Emergency Medical Services could be better utilized for other services. We have worked to formulate a design that would allow the Emergency Medical Services to be housed outside of the CNMC. This is a basic design that will allow the Emergency Medical Services to keep their ambulances inside and safely maintained allowing for a longer life and safe functioning of the equipment. We feel that, by allowing other departments to utilize the in-house space that would become available, we are helping provide increased services to our patient population.
The EMS building will include a four bay ambulance holding area, one office, sleeping quarters, kitchen and eating area, day room large enough for training purposes, laundry room, and bathroom/shower area. This portion of the building will be approximately five thousand square feet.
The warehouse space will be approximately five thousand square feet and include the following: landscaping tools and equipment, furniture needing repair, reusable furniture, ice melt, salt for water softener, and replacement stock for maintenance repairs and upkeep.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Elliott to approve GR32-031.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR32-031 carried unanimously.
Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(B) LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT by Committee Chair Linda Briggs
Mr. Woerz gave the Land Development Committee report.
General Resolution Number GR32-027, Authorization for Real Property Lease in McClain County
This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to lease real property in Newcastle, McClain County, Oklahoma, with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear excepted. Said described tract contains 9.04 acres, more or less.
A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Green to approve GR32-027.
Mrs. Alexander asked if another situation is in place wherein the Chickasaw Nation operates a partial lease. Mrs. Woerz responded that he was not aware of any. This was in the best interest of both parties.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR32-027 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 32-028, Quit Claim Deed for the Purpose of Clearing Title Defect
In order to maintain a friendly and good neighbor relationship, it is recommended that this parcel be conveyed to the rightful owner. This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to issue a Quit Claim Deed to real property located in Stephens County, Oklahoma, containing 186,043.88 square feet or 4.27 acres more or less.
A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR32-028.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR32-028 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 32-029, Authorization for Acceptance of Right-Of-Way and Easement in Johnston County
This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to accept the granted Right-Of-Way and Easement in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma.
A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Mr. Woods to approve GR32-029.
Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker
12 yes votes
The motion to approve GR32-029 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 32-030, Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Murray County
This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Sulphur, Murray County, Oklahoma, for addition to the Chickasaw Nation Cultural Center property containing 29.94 acres, more or less.
A motion was made by Mr. Woerz and seconded by Ms. Hammond to approve GR32-030.
Mrs. Alexander stated the cost of the property was excessive because the road front property, purchased in December, was less expensive. She would not support the resolution. Mr. Woerz noted the price for this site included an operating business and other facilities. Mr. Wood stated the property was a good investment. Ms. Case stated she would like a written appraisal, with comparisons, with the resolutions to acquire property. She was not in favor of this resolution.
Members voting yes: Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods, Connie Barker - 10 yes votes
Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case - 2 no votes
The motion to approve GR32-030 carried.
Mr. Woerz concluded his report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 NEW BUSINESS (Comments from Citizens)
There was no new business to discuss. Mr. Mike Watson thanked the Nation for reuniting him and a cousin. Chairperson Barker welcomed Mr. Gene Thompson back to Oklahoma and introduced Junior Miss Indian Oklahoma, Faithlyn Seawright.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT
The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Elliott, Secretary, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature

JUNE 2015 RESOLUTIONS

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-032
Approval of Development Budget Amendment
CNDH Support Building

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, Section 10-201.4 of the Chickasaw Nation Code requires projects intended to develop tribal real property to be contained in a Development Budget, apart and separate from the Consolidated Governmental Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed revision to the Development Budget for the listed project in Exhibit A, and

WHEREAS, the requirements of Subsection 18-100.6(B) have been statutorily met by the Governor's submission of this revision to the Development Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that th Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the revision to the Development Budget for the Chickasaw Nation Division of Health ("CNDH") Support Building, Project Number 30-0160-15 in the amount of \$13,500,000.00.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 17, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the amendment to the Development Budget for the CNDH Support Building, Project Number 30-0160-15 in the amount of \$13,500,000.00.

The CNMC opened in July, 2010 and has seen tremendous growth in the number of patients seen. A new Support Building is needed to house the majority of support personnel to the CNMC clinical services. The following operations support services will be included in the new building: Public Health Nursing, Business Office, Finance, Health Information Management, Medisaw, Medical Support Services, Department of Epidemiology Research and Public Health, Information Technology, Medication Billing and a large conference area. These services currently occupy more than 14,000 square feet in the CNMC building.

The vacated space in the CNMC will allow for expansion of Family Practice, Pediatrics, Optometry, Internal Medicine and Pharmacy medication counseling areas. It will also allow for new specialty services to our patients including Urology, Rheumatology, Cardiology, as well as others that are being considered. Business planning is occurring now. Space for Senior Administration will be retained within the CNMC.

Presented By: Finance Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-033
Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Land Development Committee recommends the transfer and acceptance of a property from Sovereign Properties Holdco LLC, located in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described in Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to accept, as a transfer, a deed for the above described tract of land. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after the acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 17, 2015, by a vote of 9 ayes, 2 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's acceptance of a transfer of real property from Sovereign Properties Holdco LLC, Located in Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, described in Exhibit "A" and hereby incorporated by reference together with all improvements thereon, if any, in their present condition, ordinary wear and tear accepted. The Governor is authorized to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation after acquisition, if such action is advantageous.

Property Location:	West end of Main Street in Tishomingo
Use:	To be utilized as an Information Center
Presented By:	Land Development Committee

Exhibit "A"
Legal Description

A tract of land being a part of Lots 1, 2 and the North 5.00 feet of Lot 3, Block 109, Original Survey and Plat of the Town of Tishomingo, according to the Plat thereof, lying in the Southwest Quarter of Section Four (4), Township Four (4) South, Range Six (6) East of the Indian Meridian, Tishomingo, Johnston County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the north line of said Lot 1, being 95.37 feet, North 56°09'01" West from the Northeast corner of said Lot 1;

THENCE South 33°50'59" West, perpendicular to said north line, a distance of 55.00 feet, said point also being 5.00 feet Southerly and measured perpendicular to the north line of the above mentioned Lot 3;

THENCE North 56°09'01" West, parallel with the north line of the above said north line, a distance of 77.63 feet to a point on the east line of vacated Mickle Avenue Right-of-Way, said point being 5.00 feet Southerly and measured perpendicular to the Northwest corner of said Lot 3;

THENCE North 33°50'59" East, along said east line of vacated Mickle Avenue, a distance of 37.28 feet to a point on the southerly line of the Western Oklahoma Railroad Right-of-Way;

THENCE South 83°00'14" East, along said southerly line, a distance of 39.23 feet to a point on the north line of the above mentioned Lot 1;

THENCE South 56°09'01" East, along said north line, a distance of 42.63 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-034
Approval of Application for Funding Bureau of Indian Affairs
Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, has announced availability of funding to assist tribes in supporting tribal youth internships, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has developed an application for submission under this program to build the capacity of the next generation of tribal managers and leaders to address environmental challenges.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to seek funding to support climate adaptation and research internships.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 17, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Cooperative Landscape Conservation Program Category 2 Research Internships. The program will provide educational internship opportunities for youth to work with environmental leaders on climate adaptation and conduct vulnerability assessments.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32 035
Approval of Consolidated Governmental Budget Fiscal Year 2016

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Governor has submitted the proposed Consolidated Governmental Budget for fiscal year 2016, and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Governmental Budget is a combination of the General Fund and the Tribal Budget, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature has reviewed this budget and recommends

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it for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves the attached Tribal Budget in the amount of \$7,013,000 and the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$176,267,000 for the total Consolidated Governmental Budget of \$183,280,000.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma on July 17, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes 0 nays, and 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves the Consolidated Governmental Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 in the amount of \$183,280,000.

Presented by: Finance Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-036
Authorization for a Waiver of the Chickasaw Nation's Sovereign Immunity and/or Exhaustion of Tribal Remedies for the Limited Purpose of Enforcement of a Settlement Agreement with Glaxosmithkline LLC

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the Office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has participated in an Avandia related tort action against GlaxoSmithKline LLC in the Chickasaw Nation District Court; and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation has determined it to be in the best interest of the Chickasaw Nation to enter into a settlement agreement ("Settlement Agreement") with GlaxoSmithKline LLC; and

WHEREAS, in order to enter the Settlement Agreement with GlaxoSmithKline LLC, a waiver of sovereign immunity and/or exhaustion of tribal court remedies for the limited purpose of enforcement of the Settlement Agreement is necessary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby approves entering into the Settlement Agreement with GlaxoSmithKline LLC, which includes a waiver of the Chickasaw Nation's sovereign immunity and/or exhaustion of tribal court remedies for the limited purpose of enforcement of the Settlement Agreement.

Executed in regular session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma on July 17, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: This resolution approves a waiver of the Chickasaw Nation's sovereign immunity and/or exhaustion of tribal remedies for the limited purpose of enforcement of a settlement agreement with GlaxoSmithKline LLC. The settlement agreement with GlaxoSmithKline LLC would resolve an Avandia related tort action filed in the Chickasaw Nation District Court.

Presented by: Legislative Committee

CHICKASAW TRIBAL LEGISLATURE
General Resolution Number 32-037
Acceptance of the Terms of the Joint Stipulation of Settlement, in the Case Entitled: The Chickasaw Nation and The Choctaw Nation v. The Department of the Interior et al.; Case No. CIV-05-1524-W; United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma and For Other Purposes

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article VII, Sections 4 and 7 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature shall enact rules and regulations pertaining to the Chickasaw Nation, and shall make decisions pertaining to the acquisition, leasing, disposition and management of real property, subject to federal law, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Article XI, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor shall perform all duties appertaining to the office of Chief Executive. He shall sign official papers on behalf of the Nation, and

WHEREAS, the Chickasaw Nation is a Plaintiff in an action entitled: The Chickasaw Nation and The Choctaw Nation v. The Department of the Interior et al.; Case No. CIV-05-1524-W; United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma ("Action"), and

WHEREAS, the parties to said Action have engaged in settlement negotiations and have agreed to terms and conditions of the proposed settlement thereby reaching a resolution of the issues in the litigation, and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature have reviewed the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement, as set forth in the proposed Joint Stipulation of Settlement of All Claims and [Proposed] Order ("Joint Stipulation"), and the Legislature finds the proposed settlement terms and conditions acceptable, and

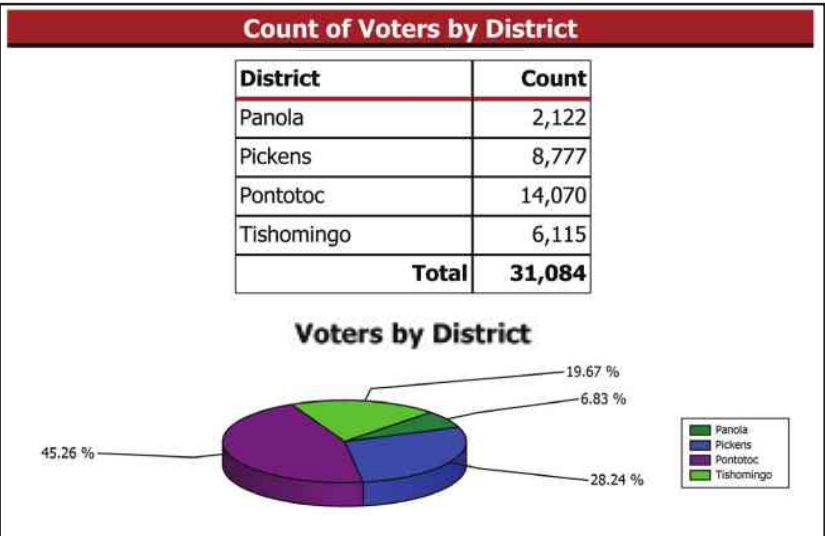
WHEREAS, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature have reviewed the latest Periodic Statements of Performance (PSPs) for its trust accounts, as provided by the United States as Exhibits to the proposed Joint Stipulation (Attachment 2 hereto), and, for purpose of settlement, the Legislature attests to the accuracy of its trust account balances as stated in the PSPs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature hereby (1) accepts the offer from the United States as set forth in the Joint Stipulation to settle the Chickasaw Nation's claims set forth in said Joint Stipulation in said Action; (2) attest to the balances in the most recent PSPs for its trust accounts; and (3) Governor Bill Anoatubby or his designee will execute and take all necessary steps regarding the Joint Stipulation and all other necessary documents and pleadings to settle the Chickasaw Nation's claims set forth in the Joint Stipulation.

Executed in a special session of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature, meeting at Ada, Oklahoma, on July 13, 2015, by a vote of 11 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Explanation: In early July, 2015, our legal team negotiated a joint stipulation of settlement in the trust accounting case, entitled: The Chickasaw Nation and The Choctaw Nation v. The Department of the Interior et al.; Case No. CIV-05-1524-W; United States District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma. This resolution is intended to satisfy the terms of the Joint Stipulation of Settlement, between the U.S. Government and the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

Presented by: Legislative Committee



April, May 2015 Chickasaw Nation Outstanding Achievement Award Recipients

Mallory Bedford
Mallory Bedford, 14, daughter of Stan and Shelia Bedford, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Theatre and Drama.



Mallory Bedford

Mallory is in the eighth grade at the Rocky Run Middle School, Chantilly, Virginia. She was nominated by the director of theater arts, Trena Weiss.
“Mallory has been a pillar of our department,” Ms. Weiss said. “She works tirelessly in class and earns A’s in class. She has been the manager of our theater sports team, in all of the plays and served as dance captain in our musical. It has been a pleasure being her teacher.”
Mallory’s hobbies include dance and vocalist lessons. She has been in four theater productions in the last two years (Tom Sawyer, Racing through Aesor, Seussical and Oliver!).
“I plan to remain active in my high school theatre program,” Mallory said.
Mallory’s future plans include a Musical Theatre Camp in New York.

Joshua Hampton
Joshua Hampton, 8, son of Renata Darden, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Citizenship and the Outstanding Achievement Award.



Joshua Hampton

Joshua is in the third grade at Saegert Elementary, Killeen, Texas. He was nominated by his third grade teacher, Sun Bonilla.
“Joshua has impressed me

with his dedication and determination,” Ms. Bonilla said. “He is dedicated, responsible and demonstrates skills of leadership and citizenship.”
Joshua’s hobbies include playing video games, reading and creating origami.
“My biggest accomplishment this year was earning 172 points in accelerated reader in six months,” Joshua said.
Joshua’s future plans include studying advanced video game design.

Chanel Cleveland
Chanel Cleveland, 9, daughter of Regena and TJ Overbey, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Chanel Cleveland

Chanel is in the third grade at Varnum Elementary, Seminole, Okla. She was nominated by her special resource teacher, Angela Terry.
“Chanel has overcome adversity in her academics,” Ms. Terry said. “She comes to school with a positive attitude and always tries her hardest to learn new concepts.”
Chanel’s hobbies include playing softball, baseball and kickball. Chanel also enjoys painting, reading and playing on her iPad.
Chanel’s future plans include attending the University of Oklahoma, become a police officer and to work with computers.

Piper Simpson
Piper Simpson, 17, daughter of Jamie and Kelly Cope and Sean and Susan Simpson, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award in Science.
Piper is a junior at Memorial Private High School, Houston, Texas. She was nominated by the CEO of Memorial Private High School, Pam Camp.
“Piper has been selected as a delegate to the 2015 Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston in June,” Ms. Camp said. “Only 17 high school student from

the Houston area were selected to attend. She has a thirst for knowledge, especially science. Her inquisitive mind is always searching and investigating for a deeper understanding.”



Piper Simpson

Piper’s hobbies include competitive recurve archery, horseback riding, volunteering and singing. She volunteers on a monthly and weekly basis for the elderly and tutors for the Esperanza en Cristo Church. Throughout the years, she has participated in many organizations and has many academic achievements.
Piper’s future plan includes graduating from Memorial Private High School and to attend college.

Maddison Smith
Maddison Smith, daughter of Kina and Doug Lasater, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Achievement Award.



Maddison Smith

Maddison is in the fourth grade at Deer Elementary, Deer, Arkansas. She was nominated by the school administrative assistant, Sheila Reynolds.
“Maddison puts forth a lot of effort in to her school work,” Ms. Reynolds said. “She is a hard worker who will be a great leader for our future in America.”
Maddison’s hobbies include basketball, reading, archery and crafts.
“I like spending time with my family and friends,” Maddison said. “My favorite animal is a horse, but I like dogs and cats

too.”
Maddison’s future plans include attending college and becoming a song writer.

Kory Cunningham
Kory Cunningham, 13, son of Danny and Karen Cunnningham, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Kory Cunningham

Kory is in the seventh grade at Horatio Junior High School, Horatio, Arkansas. He was nominated by his social studies teacher, Tammy Russell.
“Kory is an outstanding student,” Ms. Russell said. “He is always interested in learning new facts about the different cultures across the globe. Kory is a great kid and I am proud to have him in my class.”
Kory’s hobbies include playing basketball and baseball. He also enjoys hunting and fishing with his dad.
Kory played post/center for the Horatio Lions and played basketball for the junior high basketball team. He is currently playing outfield and catcher for the Sevier County Razorback basketball team.
Kory’s future plans include attending college and playing in the major leagues.

Shelby Blake Shelton
Shelby Blake Shelton, 10, son of Daiquiri and Greg Shelton, is a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.
Shelby is in the fourth grade at Empire Elementary, Duncan, Okla. He was nominated by his fourth grade teacher, D’Raye Rochell.
“Shelby has shown great improvement this year in Leadership and helping his fellow students achieve their goals toward their education,” Ms. Rochell said. “He has continued to make straight A’s and has a reading level higher than the eighth grade. He strives to improve his education and motivate his classmates.”
Shelby’s hobbies include baseball, football, wrestling,

dribblers, reading and going to church. He also wants to attend the martial arts program with the Chickasaws.



Mason Smith

“This year I wanted to strive to become a member of the Million Word Club and reach my goal,” Shelby said. “I have also been in honor roll all year. I love reading, especially about Greek mythology.”
Shelby’s future plans include becoming a mentor at his church camp, attending college and to attending more Chickasaw camps.

Jesse Darnell
Jesse Darnell, 9, son of David and Amy Darnell, is a 2015 recipient of the Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.



Jesse Darnell

Jesse is in the third grade at Collins Elementary, Bristow, Okla. He was nominated by his third grade teacher, Teresa Barnett.
“Jesse is an excellent student,” Ms. Barnett said. “He puts great effort in his work to achieve the highest results. He comes from a wonderful supportive family.”
Jesse’s hobbies include riding his go-cart and playing with his dog, Buddy.
Jesse was in a commercial for the Chickasaw Cultural Center for the Dugout Canoes Exhibit and was as an extra in “Te Ata.”
Jesse’s future plans include being a magician or an artist.

CONTRIBUTED BY Carmen Carter, Public Affairs.

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THE CHICKASAW ALPHABET

The Chickasaw language, *Chikashshanompa'*, was the primary dialect of Chickasaw people for hundreds of years. But today, fewer and fewer citizens know how to speak their native language, and the vast majority of fluent speakers are elders in the Nation.

That's why it's important to learn the language – speak it, write it, study it and share it to ensure it stays alive.

In the game at the right, see if you can match the Chickasaw word with its corresponding picture, then visit Chickasaw.tv/ChickasawTimes for the answers!

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Draw a line from the Chickasaw word to either the EYES, EARS or NOSE in the picture!

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Chickasaw Foundation Donor of the Month

Sandy Wells-Chapman established the Homer “Dee” Wells Memorial Scholarship in 2009. This scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time Chickasaw student in his or her second year of an associates degree; or a junior or senior undergraduate or graduate student majoring in construction management or engineering.

Mrs. Chapman described her father, Homer Wells, as viewing education as a necessity and priority in life. She said his favorite education reference was the World Book Encyclopedia.

Mr. Wells received his high school education and completed basic training at Lackland Air



SANDY WELLS-CHAPMAN

Force Base. He served as a military police officer escorting many high-ranking officers on railroads throughout the U.S. He also served at Lowry Air Force Base and the U.S. Army Base at Fort Carson.

After military service, he married Joan Wells and started his family. Together, Homer and Joan Wells owned and operated Dee Wells Construction and Consulting, Inc.

Mr. Wells’ work ethic and professional advice are well known by many judges, attorneys, architects, contractors, engineers and professors.

Age did not stop Mr. Wells discovering and learning in life. He took up surfing and acquired his first computer. He spent time researching his heritage. He made many trips to Kullihoma, Tishomingo, Ada and the veterans’ trip to Washington, D.C.

In 2009, he was diagnosed with advanced colon cancer. His daughter, Sandy Wells-Chapman, with her father’s permission and help from the Chickasaw Foundation Executive Director Johnna R.

Walker, created the Homer “Dee” Wells Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Wells decided he wanted the scholarship to go to students of construction management or engineering. The scholarship was inspired by the love of family and friends.

A month later, Mr. Wells passed away.

Sandy Wells-Chapman said her father was happy he was the one to facilitate the scholarship. Her mother is still Mr. Wells’ biggest supporter.

“Every fall, when we receive a thank you card from a new scholarship recipient a lump comes to my throat and my eyes leak,” Mrs. Chapman said.

Mr. Wells had a deep appreciation for the education process and educators.

“The Chickasaw Foundation has blessed several of my dad’s grandchildren on their educational journey. Giving back in dad’s name, to benefit another life, is our pleasure and a part of the Chickasaw heritage.” Mrs. Chapman said.

Chickasaw featured on Pixel Project

A Chickasaw woman’s story has recently been featured in a violence against women forum.

Sandra Pickens, of Las Vegas, Nev., was featured the Pixel Project’s survivors’ stories in May.

The Pixel Project is a volunteer-led nonprofit organization whose mission is to raise awareness regarding violence against women and how to combat it. The project is an online outreach that uses the internet, social media, new technology and popular culture to disseminate

its message.

Ms. Pickens told her story of surviving violence in the second annual Pixel Project Survivor Stories blog interview project.

Ms. Pickens is a published author and proponent of working to end violence against women in the Native community.

She holds a master’s degree in human services. She is a member of the Las Vegas Dream Center/ICLV church in Las Vegas.



SANDRA PICKENS

CHICKASAW COMMUNITY COUNCILS

For a complete listing of Chickasaw Nation camps, academies and other events visit www.chickasaw.net

OKLAHOMA

ACHILLE

Achille Area Chickasaws

Quarterly, last Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

Kay Anders, 580-283-3979

CONNERVILLE

Connerville Chickasaw Community Council

Bi-Monthly, 3rd Monday at 6:30 p.m.

Tony Poe, 580-421-4994

KINGSTON

Chickasaws of Texoma

Quarterly, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth McAdoo, 580-564-6803

Marshall County Chickasaw Community Council

Monthly, 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

Sarah Lea, 580-564-4570

NEWCASTLE

Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council

Monthly, 2nd Thursday

Potluck @ 6 p.m. & Meeting @ 7 p.m.

Todd Griffith, 405-615-1303

OKLAHOMA CITY

OKC Metro Chickasaw Community Council

1st Tuesday

Potluck @ 6 p.m. & Meeting @ 7 p.m.

Vicki Monks, 405-524-4506

Chickasawvic@gmail.com

PURCELL

Purcell Chickasaw Community Council

4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

Carolee Maxwell, 405-527-7676

ARIZONA

Chickasaws of Arizona

Quarterly Meetings

Angie Ott, 480-834-7309

CALIFORNIA

Southern California Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly, 3rd Saturday 2:00 p.m.

Bill Chandler, 714-604-5224

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Northern California Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Quarterly

Phil Reynolds, 916-988-8182

COLORADO

Chickasaw Community Council of Colorado

Bi-Monthly

Beverly Rodgers

(303) 719-3527

KANSAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Wichita

Quarterly, 3rd Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

Lynn Stumblingbear, 316-945-9219

LOUISIANA

Monroe Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection

Semi-Annually

Chickasaw Outreach, 580-332-1165

MISSOURI

St. Louis Area Chickasaw Citizen Connection

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NEW ENGLAND

New England Chickasaw Citizen

Connection

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NEW MEXICO

New Mexico Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly

Rita Yepa, 505-350-8372

OREGON/WASHINGTON

Pacific Northwest Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly

Rena Smith, 503-543-7401

TEXAS

Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas

2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.

Jay Hurst, 512-784-5281

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Chickasaw Community Council of South Texas

Monthly, 2nd Sunday at 2 p.m.

Ellen Brooker

ebrooker@swisd.net

North Texas Chickasaw Community Council

3rd Saturday, Bedford, Texas

John Atkins

972-271-0692

Tyler Area Chickasaw Community Council

Quarterly

Howard Thompson, 903-570-9244

Art Market set for Aug. 8

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - The Chickasaw Art Market is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Chickasaw National Capital and Council House Museum grounds, North Fisher and Eighth Street in Tishomingo.

Scheduled activities include a free hamburger basket lunch, kids’ bouncy slide, two water slides, paintball art, cookies and canvas and a corn husk doll class.

This event is sponsored by Chickasaw Nation History and Culture, and is free to the public.

For more information, please call (580) 371-3351.

Enroll for Chickasaw Clemente classes

ADA, Okla. - Chickasaw Clemente Humanities Courses are college-level study programs exploring Chickasaw art, history, literature, language, government and culture.

The three credit-hour course is offered at East Central University in Ada.

Chickasaw citizens may be eligible for tuition scholarships for the Clemente courses through Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities.

Deadline for enrollment is Aug. 16. Class begins Aug. 17.

For more information, contact Jennifer Watson at (580) 272-5520.

Bicycle Ride Oct. 17

Pontotoc Pursuit to benefit Chickasaw Foundation

Pontotoc Pursuit Bicycle Ride Scheduled for Oct. 17

Cyclists are invited to participate in the Pontotoc Pursuit bicycle ride, Saturday, October 17.

The ride will begin at Wintersmith Park, Ada, and consist of four routes. Proceeds will benefit the Chickasaw Foundation.

Individual pre-registration fee is \$25.

Deadline for pre-registration Oct. 2.

After Oct. 2, registration fees will be \$35 for individuals and \$50 for families.

The first 100 registrants will receive a complimentary t-shirt!

Registered participants are eligible to enter a drawing for a Specialized Allez bicycle provided by Apex Bicycles of Ada.

Registration forms are available at Chickasaw Foundation, 110 W. 12th Street, Ada, Oklahoma.

Online registration will be available soon.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or chickasawfoundation@chickasaw.net.



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Artesian Arts Festival a big success!

SULPHUR, Okla. – The Chickasaw Nation’s Artesian Arts Festival, Saturday, May 23, drew thousands of visitors to downtown Sulphur to experience, share and celebrate native art.

An estimated 4,500 visitors strolled the Artesian Plaza throughout the day, admiring art in dozens of artists’ booths, which stretch several city blocks.

More than 75 renowned native artists, representing 15 tribes and six states attended the festival. Artists showcased diverse art media and a variety of visual art was on display, from paintings, to jewelry, textiles to bows and



Festival attendees gather at the Artesian Arts Festival main stage to enjoy the music of “Overdrive.” Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.

pottery.

The artists were also demonstrating, sharing and discussing

for cash prizes in numerous categories. Named “Best of Show” at the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival was a beautiful war club by Tom Farris, a Norman-based Cherokee-Otoe artist.

Several activities were offered at the Artesian Arts Festival, including a special area for children’s activities and a senior citizens’ arts and crafts booth, along with live music from two stages and inflatables.

Food vendors served festival favorites including ice cream, cheese fries, onion burgers, barbecue, gumbo, Indian tacos and kettle corn.

For more information about the Artesian Arts Festival, or upcoming Art Festivals in Chickasaw Country, contact Chickasaw Nation Arts & Humanities at (580) 272-5520, by email at artistinfo@chickasaw.net.

chickasaw.net.

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More than 4,500 visitors attended the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival, which featured two stages for music entertainment, more than 75 Native artists and dozens of food vendors. Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.



Chickasaw artist Mary Ruth Barnes enthusiastically greets visitors to her booth at the 2nd Annual Artesian Arts Festival in Sulphur May 23. Mrs. Barnes’ painting of buffalo was awarded a second place by judges. Mrs. Barnes unique style of colors, texture, and symbolism has won many awards.



Laura Stewart, Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Executive Officer, presents Cherokee-Otoe artist Tom Farris, of Norman, Okla., a cash award for “Best in Show” for the beautiful war club he created for the 2015 Artesian Arts Festival. Photo by Jacquelyn K. Sparks.



Richard Thomas, a Chickasaw citizen and expert furniture refinisher for the Friends of the Governor’s Mansion organization, took second place in weaponry with a Chippewa-inspired bow made of Oklahoma native pecan back and white oak belly. It was equipped with mustang horse hair tips, red fox silencers and genuine sinew string. The bow’s handle was made of cowhide and the bow’s bend was perfected after many hours using steam.

2014-2015 Tribal Legislature

Following is a list of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislators including their address and phone numbers. If you have any questions or need any information, please contact the legislator in your area.

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